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It is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. It was organized in the City of New York, May 10th, 1826, by a convention of friends of Home Missions, representing at least four denominations of evangelical Christians: Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Dutch Reformed, and United Presbyterians. These worked together harmoniously for years, until, one after another—the Presbyterians last, in 1860—they organized their separate denominational boards, by which they are still doing efficient and increasing Home Missionary work.

From the four tables on pages 91-94 of this report may be gathered a succinct history of this Society's progress for eighty years. The table on page 94 shows the yearly growth in receipts from \$18,000 in 1826, to \$494,329.73 in 1905-1906; in expenditures, from less than \$14,000 to \$497,601.99; of missionaries, from 159 to 1,641; of congregations served by them, from 196 to 2,216; of years of labor, from 110 to 1,157; of additions to the churches, from 1,000 to 7,315; and of Sunday School scholars, from 306 to 115,824. The annual average of expense for a year of labor and for a missionary is also shown. The double table (pages 91, 92) shows the number of missionaries employed in each State entered by the Society from its beginning, going up from 196 congregations in fifteen States in 1826, to 2,216 congregations in fifty-three States and Territories in 1906. The table on page 93 shows the annual distribution, from 1826 to 1906, in the geographical sections of the country.

The total of cash receipts in the eighty years is \$23,383,056.83. In addition to this amount, not less than \$2,700,000.00 in clothing and other supplies for missionary families have been received. The total of years of labor is 66,693. The whole number of additions to the churches is 529,945. The number of churches organized is 7,017; the number brought to self-support is 3,567.

Pages 93, 94 give a summary of interesting results of the eightieth year's work.

On pages 95-112 will be found an alphabetical list of the missionaries aided, with one of the principal stations each laborer occupied, which, in most cases, is his post-office address.

The Home Missionary and Congregational Work

The former is published monthly, except in July and August, at fifty cents a year, postage paid.

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Form of a Bequest

I bequeath to my executors the sum of _____ dollars, *in trust*, to pay over the same in _____ months after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society, and under its direction.

THE
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OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL
HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

PRESENTED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AT THE
Annual Meeting, May 8, 9 and 10
1906

OAK PARK, ILL.

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1906

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Congregational Home Missionary Society convened for its Eightieth Annual Meeting in the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, Illinois, on Tuesday, May 8, 1906, at 7:30 P. M., with President H. C. King in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Revs. J. W. Bradshaw and William L. Tenney.

An address of welcome was given by Rev. W. E. Barton, Pastor of the First Church of Oak Park, to which response was made by President King.

Greetings from the Canadian Home Missionary Society were given by Rev. E. M. Hill, of the Montreal Theological Seminary.

The annual sermon to the Society was preached by President King on the theme: "Home Missions and the Kingdom."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, being in charge of the General Congregational Association of Illinois.

After Benediction by Rev. C. A. Vincent, of Illinois, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, President King called the session to order, after the devotional exercises.

The roll was made up as follows:

THE ROLL.

Colorado.

Rev. James B. Gregg, Colorado Springs, Delegate.	Rev. W. H. Hopkins, Denver, L.M.
	Rev. Horace Sanderson, Denver, L.M.

Connecticut.

Rev. L. F. Berry Stamford, Recording Secretary.	Rev. Thos. Manning Hodgdon, West Hartford, L.M.
Rev. Washington Choate, Greenwich, Secretary.	Rev. W. H. Holman, Southport, L.M.
Mrs. Washington Choate, Greenwich, L.M.	Rev. Joel S. Ives, Hartford, L.M.
Mr. David N. Camp, New Britain, Delegate.	Rev. Henry H. Kelsey, Hartford, Exec. Com.
	Mr. John H. Perry, Southport, L.M.
	Rev. W. L. Phillips, New Haven, L.M.
	Rev. Jos. H. Selden, Greenwich, L.M.

Florida.

Rev. F. W. Weatherwax, West Palm Beach, Delegate.

Georgia.

Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, Atlanta, Delegate.

Illinois.

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| Rev. James S. Ainslie, Chicago, L.M. | Mr. James Hopkins, Alto Pass, L.M. |
| Rev. William E. Barton, Oak Park, L.M. | Mr. Geo. W. James, Wheaton, L.M. |
| Rev. David Beaton, Chicago, L.M. | Mr. L. G. Kent, Pittsfield, L.M. |
| Mr. Julius G. Brown, Batavia, Delegate. | Mr. Aaron B. Mead, Chicago, L.M. |
| Rev. Theodore Crowl, Sterling, Delegate. | Mr. Thos. C. MacMillan, Chicago, Ex. Com. |
| Rev. Geo. W. Coleman, Chicago, L.M. | Rev. Martin Post, Chapin, L.M. |
| Rev. Chas. Caverno, Lombard, L.M. | Mr. E. H. Pitkin, Oak Park, L.M. |
| Rev. Quincy L. Dowd, Roscoe. | Rev. Helmer T. Smidt, Chicago. |
| Rev. Franklin L. Graff, Champaign, Delegate. | Rev. Frank G. Smith, Chicago. |
| Mr. A. T. Hemmingway, Oak Park, L.M. | Rev. Sydney Strong, Oak Park, L.M. |
| Rev. H. L. Hartwell, Neponset, L.M. | Rev. G. S. Savage, Chicago, L.M. |
| Rev. Edward M. Williams, Chicago. | Mrs. A. A. Tanner, Alton, L.M. |
| | Rev. Clarence A. Vincent, Galesburg. |
| | Rev. W. A. Waterman, Elgin, L.M. |
| | Rev. S. A. Wallace, Chicago, L.M. |

Indiana.

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| Rev. J. H. Crum, Indianapolis, Delegate. | Rev. E. D. Curtis, Indianapolis, L.M. |
| Rev. C. W. Choate, Kokomo, Delegate. | Rev. David T. Williams, Bremen, Delegate. |

Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

- Rev. Oliver B. Loud, Delegate.

Iowa.

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| Rev. J. M. Cummings, Denmark, L.M. | Mrs. Augusta A. Pickett, Charles City. |
| Rev. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell, Delegate. | Rev. Bryant C. Preston, Muscatine, Delegate. |

Kansas.

- Rev. H. E. Thayer, Topeka.

Louisiana.

- Rev. John B. Gonzales, Jennings.

Maine.

- Rev. Raymond Calkins, Portland, Director.

Massachusetts.

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| Rev. L. P. Broad, Boston, L.M. | Rev. F. E. Emrich, Boston, L.M. |
| Harriet S. Caswell, Broad, L.M. | Mrs. James L. Hill, Salem, L.M. |
| Rev. Geo. M. Boynton, Boston, L.M. | Rev. Charles S. Holton, Newburyport, L.M. |
| Rev. Joshua Coit, Winchester, Delegate. | Rev. Walter Rice, L.M. |
| Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Boston. | Rev. S. H. Woodrow, Springfield, Delegate. |

Michigan.

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| Rev. Frederick Bagnall, Hart, Delegate. | Mr. George M. Lane, Detroit, Delegate. |
| Rev. Wm. J. Cady, Benton Harbor, Delegate. | Rev. Luther K. Long, Calumet, Alternate Delegate. |
| Rev. H. P. DeForest, Detroit, Delegate. | Mr. Carl S. Palton, Ann Arbor. |
| | Mr. C. B. Stowell, Hudson, L.M. |
| Mrs. C. B. Stowell, Hudson, L.M. | |

Minnesota.

Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, Minneapolis, Delegate.
 Rev. Alexander Milne, Duluth, Delegate.
 Rev. G. S. Rollins, Minneapolis, Delegate.

Missouri.

Mr. H. Brinsmade, St. Louis, Delegate.
 Rev. Alfred K. Wray, Carthage, Delegate.
 Rev. Chas. S. Mills, St. Louis.
 Mr. Oscar L. Whitelaw, St. Louis, L.M.
 Rev. J. S. Murphy, Bonne Terre, Delegate.

Nebraska.

Rev. M. A. Bullock, Lincoln, L.M.
 Rev. Chas. H. Rogers, Lincoln, L.M.
 Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Clark, L.M.
 Rev. John E. Tuttle, Lincoln, L.M.

New Jersey.

Rev. A. H. Bradford, Montclair, Delegate.
 Rev. Chas. E. Hesselgrave, Chatham, Delegate.
 Mr. Edward L. Suffern, Plainfield, Delegate.

New Mexico.

Rev. Josiah H. Heald, Albuquerque, Delegate.

New York.

Mr. Robert D. Benedict, Brooklyn, L.M.
 Rev. Frank S. Fitch, Buffalo, L.M.
 Rev. Jos. B. Clark, Ed. Secretary.
 Mr. William B. Howland, New York, Treasurer.
 Mr. William H. Crosby, Buffalo, L.M.
 Don O. Shelton, New York City, Associate Secretary.

North Dakota.

Rev. C. H. Phillips, Jamestown, Delegate.
 Rev. E. H. Stickney, Fargo, Delegate.
 Mr. Jno. S. Watson, Fargo, Delegate.

Ohio.

Rev. Ernest Bourner Allen, Toledo.
 Rev. Irving W. Metcalf, Oberlin, L.M.
 Rev. J. W. Bradstreet, Oberlin, L.M.
 Mrs. Eliza Murphy, Mt. Vernon, L.M.
 Mr. L. P. Gage, Painesville, L.M.
 Rev. Dwight M. Pratt, Cincinnati, L.M.
 C. W. Huntington, Toledo, L.M.
 Rev. Henry M. Tenney, Oberlin, L.M.
 Rev. Henry C. King, Oberlin, President.
 H. L. Reed, Mansfield, Delegate.
 Wilmot V. Metcalf, W. Williamsfield, L.M.
 Rev. Edgar S. Rothrock, Cleveland, L.M.

Rhode Island.

Rev. James H. Lyon, Central Falls, Delegate.

South Dakota.

Rev. A. Craig Bowdish, Mitchell, Delegate.
 Rev. H. W. Jamison, Beresford, Delegate.
 Rev. Geo. E. Green, Fort Pierre, Delegate.
 Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, Redfield, Delegate.
 Rev. W. H. Thrall, Huron, L.M.

Vermont.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, Delegate.
 Rev. C. H. Merrill, St. Johnsbury, Delegate.

Washington.

Rev. Edward L. Smith, Seattle, Delegate.

Wisconsin.

Rev. Reuben Breed, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Delegate.	Rev. George R. Leavitt, Beloit, Dele- gate.
Rev. Homer W. Carter, Beloit, L.M.	Mr. J. O. Myers, Wauwatosa, Dele- gate.
Rev. John P. Deane, Ashland, Dele- gate.	Rev. Judson Titsworth, Milwaukee, L.M.
Mr. R. H. Halsey, Oshkosh, Delegate.	

Wyoming.

Rev. W. B. D. Gray, Cheyenne, Delegate.

State not given.

Jonathan G. Smith, L.M.

The Nominating Committee presented the name of Rev. Louis F. Berry, of Connecticut, as Recording Secretary *pro tem*, who was duly elected.

The Eightieth Annual Report of the Society was then submitted by Dr. Choate for the Executive Committee and was accepted. The report on this report was presented by Rev. H. P. De Forest, of Michigan, and was as follows:

REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee has reported to the Society without unusual comment the report of a year of exceptional difficulties and embarrassments. The adoption at the last annual meeting of a new method of organization, which, however, could not be carried into effect for a year, left to the Committee the difficult task of managing a period which belonged wholly to neither regime; one which was left, like Matthew Arnold's sad singer,

"Wandering between two worlds, one dead,
The other powerless to be born."

It was a trying position at the best, but they addressed themselves to it bravely, with the determination in the foreground to use the time in a vigorous effort to reduce, before handing the reins to the leaders of the new era, the heavy debt which had hampered the Society so seriously for two years. And now that the year is done and the strenuous effort made they are forced by no fault of their own, nor of the churches, nor of the auxiliaries, to report an increase of a little more than \$3,000 to that indebtedness.

Doubtless there prevails largely, not only among the officers and the Committee, but in the large body of the Society's friends and supporters, a feeling of serious trouble if not of dismay that after the noble effort of the past year this should be the end. But there are many considerations which ought to temper this feeling and to reassure us.

How has this financial result come to pass? The Society began the year with an increase of the debt of 1904 amounting in round numbers to \$58,000, making it in all \$180,000. In the effort to reduce this amount during the year some really great and cheering results have been attained. The receipts from the churches have been increased by more than \$60,000 and the receipts from auxiliaries have more than doubled, rising from \$9,000 to \$19,000, and making the gross increase from the Society's regular sources more than \$70,000—nearly 75 per cent. increase over the previous year. At the same time expenditures have been reduced on the field and in the administration by one-sixth; in round numbers \$42,000 in the field and \$7,000 in expenses. The double effect of the \$70,000 gain and the \$49,000 retrenchment has made an advantage to the treasury over the previous year of \$119,000; \$24,000 more than all the receipts from the churches and auxiliaries in 1905.

But something happened; those forever uncertain expectations, the legacies, fell off more than \$60,000. And in addition, debts pile up interest, and after using the income from investments to pay that, it was still necessary to increase the debit-balance of the income account \$4,000 to make it up. And that swerve to the wrong side of the ledger of \$64,000, added to the \$58,000 debt-increase of last year—in all \$122,000—wiped out the \$119,000 of gain and left us instead with an increase of \$3,000 to the debt.

As was said, it was no one's fault; officers and committee and constituency had made herculean efforts with splendid results. And the failure of the harvest of the grave spoiled all! But did it? Where should we have been with only receipts equal to those of the previous year, and no reduction of expenses? In debt \$300,000. Let us grasp that fact and be thankful!

And before we leave this matter of the noble effort made during the year let us analyze it a little and see that it really means a loyal endeavor all along the line with a surprising unity that bodes well for the continuance of that real interest in Home Missions which we have fear was diminishing. Only twelve States out of the forty-six enumerated have failed to increase their gifts, and all but one of those are purely mission districts, most of them at the South. Some States have made very large proportionate increase: one New England State has nearly trebled its offering; six, scattered from Vermont to Oregon, have nearly or quite doubled theirs; one important State in the Middle West has sextupled its contribution, and three, whose gifts are necessarily small anyway, have mounted to twelve and even fifteen times their last year's sum.

Among the larger items of increase we find in New England gains of \$2,100, \$2,600, \$12,500 and \$22,500; in the Middle States of \$1,200, \$1,400 and \$9,500; in the West two of \$1,100 and others of \$1,350, \$1,700, \$1,800 and \$3,000. In addition \$130,000 has been added to the Society's invested funds, more than twice as much as has been missed from legacy returns, indicating that the tendency to give from large estates has not died out. And then, as a last echo of the cheer comes the little list at the end of the column—bits that chink into the contribution box from quite outside our constituency—from Canada, Mexico, Japan, Turkey, Hawaii, India, and the Ladrone Islands, all wanting a hand in the game.

Your committee submits that this response all along the line, like the rattling fire of musketry at a signal, with now and then the boom of a cannon, is something that ought to make the Society glad and full of hope in spite of that vain cry of "Hark from the tombs." For it means a spirit that is not going to be crushed by an incidental defeat.

There is one question in connection with the financial affairs of the Society which reporting committees have felt bound to handle of late, and about which there is much keen inquiry abroad in the land. It is the question of the proportion of receipts to missionary expenditures, or more properly, of missionary expenditures to the expenses of running the machine. I allude to it only to call attention to this, that while perhaps figures do not lie, they will, unless handled knowingly, mislead if it were possible—and it is unfortunately quite possible—the very elect. One question alone is pertinent, it is the only one in which the people are really interested, viz.: Out of every dollar that gets into the treasury from whatever quarter how many cents get to the real missionary work, and how many stick by the way to pay expenses? And the answer to that is very easy to find. Eighty cents out of every dollar gets to work. When \$200,000 goes to the field and \$40,000 is held to pay the bills, as is the case this year, that is the ratio, and it seldom varies much.

And it ought to be added that a good part of the twenty cents that is held for expenses does real missionary work, too. Magazine and circular, field agent and annual meeting, the shipping of books and clothing are real missionary agencies, and nearly ten of the twenty cents goes for such things. Expenses of this sort need careful guarding, but they are not in the nature of emoluments for the administration.

We turn from the treasury to the field, to emphasize the fact that while the noble increase of \$70,000 in offerings and the gift of \$130,000 additional invested funds has saved us from greater disaster and revealed a spirit of loyal

response to the needs of the work, the heavy debt has not only rendered the enlargement of the work impossible, but has necessitated still farther retrenchment for the time being. And that has involved the lessening by 136 of the force of missionaries and superintendents and the decrease of congregations and missionary stations by 86. The decrease of 6,895 in Sunday School and Bible Class pupils (the loss in two years is 25,000) is only partly accounted for by retrenchment, some of it being a part of the widely spread falling off in these figures which has of late been reported by our churches generally. And on the other hand the increase of additions to the churches by nearly 700 in spite of the lessened number of stations is a note of vital progress.

It is the retrenchment that is the most serious feature of the situation. No one, either among officials or churches, wishes to retrench. It is a dire necessity, to be surmounted at the first possible moment. In view of the unparalleled prosperity of these passing years, of the unprecedented pushing of new lines of railway in the northwest and the southwest, of the constant internal extension of that "frontier" which some have said no longer exists, and of the swarming immigration which is flooding all our areas we ought to be girding ourselves for larger work, not lesser. And we are going to do it. Your committee suggests that the temper of our constituency, tested in this effort to relieve the Society of debt, and foiled only by the failure of legacies, is plainly such as to warrant the hope of a substantial advance when we have turned this sharp corner, and under new conditions of co-operation between State and national agencies can bend all our energies toward the best results for the whole country. Our constituency of States is swelling. Southern California assumes self-support; Nebraska is very near it; other States are not to be left long in the rear.

There are some facts concerning the reasons for the lessened receipts of two previous years which ought to be considered. Doubtless some of it is due to the unsatisfied feeling in many States reported by the Committee of Five a year ago, and to the desire for a closer representation in the councils of the Society, and a larger share of the local responsibility in the management of their missionary work. We need not discuss that as measures are already adopted for meeting it.

Some of that falling off is also due to the fact, which is really a matter of deep concern, that the changing times, the shifting of the centers of interest and action in most lives, and the coming on the stage of a new generation whose training is so different from that of their fathers, is creating a temporary depression in all church interests and raising new problems in all our benevolences and aggressive movements. This for the time is a reality. But it is not final. The new need, the new interests and the new generation will get adjusted, perhaps sooner than we think; certainly in due time.

But still another cause has been suggested within the committee which lifts the cloud of apprehension to a degree. It is the fact generally that in the last ten years the home expenditures of the churches have considerably increased, and not so much by the payment of larger salaries or the increase of their own luxuries of worship, as by the constant taking on of new enterprises of local work, most of them as truly missionary in their purport as those undertaken by our organized societies. That there is an increase of interest on the part of the younger element in our local problems in city and country, due to more complicated conditions, increasing sociological problems and rapid immigration, is beyond question. And most of these enterprises, barring a few fashionable fads, are not only good but necessary.

Still farther, our Society has not hitherto included in its operations the vast work of city evangelization, which has been conducted by city societies and has often called for as much expenditure on the part of our churches as the Home Missionary work of State and nation. It is in the new program for this Society to embrace that work also, so far as practicable. The money for it is already being paid by the churches, and it has sometimes been difficult to meet this great and growing need without lessening the amount given to the wider work. But that is not a note of indifference to missionary work.

We submit therefore that it is not to be too hastily concluded that a tem-

porary lessening of receipts is due wholly or mainly to the lapse of missionary interest. And that is pre-eminently gratifying. For if the interest is there and living, though finding more expression in other forms than heretofore, it is a constantly available source of hope and help, and will respond on call, as has been clearly shown in the response of the year now closing.

Let us hope and believe that the increased responsibility and call for co-operation which the new method of administration will put upon our forces all over the land will result in an increase of support not merely spasmodic but permanent.

And as we pass from the old era into the next it is most fitting that we recognize with hearty appreciation and gratitude the loyal and devoted labors of the officers and the Executive Committee in the past and not least in this eightieth year; and that we assure them that instead of being unduly depressed by the failure to lessen the debt, we are as a body greatly cheered by the efforts made and the results attained in this most difficult of situations during the past year. It is not success but effort loyally made that is the real victory for a man or a society.

"What I aspired to be
And was not, comforts me,"

sings Rabbi ben Ezra. And what we aspired to do and tried to do with all our heart tells more of our real spiritual value than aught else, especially when the causes of temporary failure were not within our control. There is a voice speaking unto the children of Israel that they go forward; and may the spirit of the Master gird us all more efficiently than ever for the work of God and the help of His kingdom.

H. P. DE FOREST,
ARTHUR L. GILLET,
H. C. HERRING.

On motion it was voted to adopt the report and refer the same to the Executive Committee with reference to its publication.

John H. Perry, of Connecticut, called attention to an error in the Report of the Committee of Five in last year's published minutes—p. 28, sec. 1, (a) lines *one* and *two*, which lines should read: "The published Report of the Society should be more perspicuous. In our," etc.

President King ordered the change to be recorded in accordance with this correction.

The Nominating Committee presented the name of H. A. Flint, of New York, to serve as Assistant Recording Secretary, who was elected.

The report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments was then presented, preceded by a brief statement of the steps leading up to the same by Chairman Mills.

It was voted to accept the report of the committee.

The various articles of the proposed constitution as a substitute for the present constitution were taken up and considered in connection with the various amendments proposed by the committee and others. These articles were adopted in their original form, or as amended, and thereupon the substitute constitution as so adopted by articles was adopted as a whole by a practically unanimous vote, and as so adopted is as follows:

**The New Constitution of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, adopted
at Oak Park, Ill., May 9th, 1906.**

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The Society shall be called the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to assist in their work the Home Missionary Societies connected with the Congregational denomination in the several States of the Union, to aid congregations that are unable to support the Gospel ministry, and, in general, to send the Gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute within the United States and the West Indies.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this Society shall consist of honorary life members, life members, members elected by such Home Missionary Societies of the several States and the officials of the Society during the respective terms of office.

(1.)—Any person chosen as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Auditor, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Recording Secretary, member of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee, shall be a voting member during the term of his service.

(2.)—Life members appearing on the roll at the date of the passage of this article shall retain their voting right, unless it be voluntarily surrendered.

(3.)—The Congregational Churches of this country shall be represented in the voting membership of this Society by members elected in number and manner as follows:

Each such State Home Missionary Society may elect three members, and in addition one member for every 5,000 church members within the State.

At the first election by the State Society one-third of the members shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and thereafter one-third shall be elected each year for a term of three years. In any year the State Societies may elect members to fill vacancies.

It is recommended that the number of members be in all cases divided between ministers and laymen as nearly equally as is practicable.

(4.)—Honorary Life Members.—Any person on whose behalf fifty dollars shall be paid into the treasury of this Society, or into the treasury of any of the State Societies at any one time, accompanied by a request for honorary life membership, shall be an honorary life member with all the privileges of membership, except voting.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a General Secretary, one or more Assistant Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS.

(1.)—The President, Vice-President, Auditor, and Recording Secretary shall be elected by ballot, annually, by the Society at the annual meeting.

(2.)—The General Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors.

(3.)—The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than twenty members, namely, one representative from each Constituent State Society, the President, *ex-officio*, and six directors at large, as hereinafter provided, and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Society as follows:

(a)—Each Constituent State Society, by such method as it may elect, may send in one nomination for membership in the Board, as a representative of said State, and the name so chosen shall be presented by the Nominating Committee for election by the Society.

(b)—There shall be six directors elected at large, at least two of whom shall be from Co-operating States; and all of whom shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. In the original election of directors at large, there being at that time no Co-operating States, two of the six directors at large shall be chosen from States hitherto known as dependent.

(c)—The president of the Society, *ex-officio*, shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall be its chairman.

(d)—The General Secretary shall be an honorary member of the Board without vote, and shall be expected to be present at all except executive sessions.

(e)—When any Director shall have held office for seven successive years he shall be for one year ineligible for re-election.

(f)—No paid official of any State Society shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

(4.)—An Executive Committee of nine members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The General Secretary, *ex-officio*, shall be a member of this committee and its chairman. The remaining eight members shall serve in terms of two years each, and at the expiration of three full terms a member shall be for one year ineligible for re-election. At the first appointment of this committee four members shall be appointed for one year, and four for two years. At least four of the members of the committee, beside the General Secretary, shall be chosen from the members of the Board of Directors. The membership of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee shall be divided as equally as practicable between ministers and laymen.

(5.)—There shall be a Nominating Committee of seven, three of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in 1906 for one year and four for two years, and at the expiration of the term of any member his successor shall be elected for two years. They shall be elected on the nomination of the Nominating Committee of the preceding year, care being taken to see that the different sections of the country are recognized in this Committee as far as practicable. No member shall be immediately re-eligible.

(6.)—One or more Assistant Secretaries, as may be needed, shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors on the nomination of the Executive Committee.

(7.)—The Board of Directors for the year 1906-7 shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held in May, 1906, in such manner as said

meeting may order, which Board shall forthwith appoint an Executive Committee, agreeably to the foregoing provision numbered (4), and the functions of the former Executive Committee shall thereupon cease.

(8.)—Vacancies in any office, Board or Committee may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI.

VOTERS.

All members elected by the churches through their State Societies as herein provided, bringing proper credentials, and life members and officers of the Society, who shall be present and cause their names to be registered upon a roll to be made at each annual or other meeting of this Society by the Recording Secretary, and no other persons, shall have the right to vote at the annual election, and in annual or other meetings of the Society upon questions there arising.

ARTICLE VII.

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of both of these, any member of the Society, duly chosen, may preside at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive and have personal charge of all funds from collections, legacies, or other sources, which are designed for the current expenses of the Society, and the custody of its trust funds, and shall keep them in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same as said Board and its Executive Committee shall direct. He shall give bonds annually for such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine and shall conduct the correspondence and other business of his office under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

THE AUDITOR.

It shall be the duty of the Auditor prior to each Annual Meeting to examine the Treasurer's vouchers, books and accounts, and all certificates of stocks, bonds and other securities held by the Treasurer, and check all investments of the Funds of the Society, and certify to the correctness of the same.

ARTICLE X.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The General Secretary of the Society, with the aid of his Assistant Secretary or Assistant Secretaries, shall conduct all correspondence relating to the office; he shall strive to work in closest sympathy with the State Societies and their Secretaries or Superintendents; he shall make known by personal presentation, correspondence and otherwise, to State and local Associations and Conferences,

to churches and individuals, the object and claims of the Society and its component State Societies, and shall have charge and direction of the work of the Society under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. He shall present the minutes of the Executive Committee and all its transactions to the Board of Directors at each of its meetings; he shall prepare the yearly report of the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting of the Society, and submit the same for adoption at a meeting of the Board or of its Executive Committee, as the Board may direct prior to the said Annual Meeting. He shall be an honorary member of the Board of Directors and shall attend all its meetings except the executive sessions.

ARTICLE XI.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society, and at each annual or other meeting of the Society shall make up a roll of persons entitled to vote at such meeting, as provided in Article VI.

ARTICLE XII.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(1.)—The Board of Directors, subject only to the review and judgment of the Society at its Annual Meeting, shall have the management of all the property and business of the corporation, except as herein otherwise provided. It shall hold at least two meetings annually, and special meetings may be called at any time by the President and three Directors on ten days' notice. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Its annual meeting shall be held at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Society, after its appointment at that meeting, and on the call of the General Secretary or in case of a vacancy in that office on the call of the President. At this meeting the Board shall appoint the General Secretary, Treasurer, the Superintendents in the Co-operating States and the Missionary Districts, and shall elect its Executive Committee for the ensuing year and transact any other appropriate business. Its other stated meeting shall be on the Wednesday after the third Sunday of January, due notice of which meeting shall be given to each Director by the General Secretary, or in case of a vacancy in that office, by the President. At this meeting it shall determine the apportionment of Home Missionary funds among all the States, whether Constituent, Co-operating or Missionary, and other related matters, and pass upon any questions involving the comprehensive work or administration of the Society. It shall assemble as far as possible State Secretaries, Superintendents in Co-operating States, the Missionary Districts, and such other representatives of State Societies as may be by said Societies appointed, in order that the needs and opportunities in each of these States may be thoroughly presented to the Board.

Any and all real estate acquired by the Congregational Home Missionary Society, either by gift, devise, or purchase, may be sold by the Board of Directors, pursuant to a resolution therefor adopted at any meeting of said Board regularly convened at such price and upon such terms as it shall deem proper and by such form of conveyance as it shall approve. The Treasurer of the So-

ciety and the President, or some member of the Board of Directors, duly appointed for that purpose, shall make, execute, and deliver to any purchaser or purchasers of such real estate so sold all necessary deeds or other instruments of conveyance thereof; and upon any such sale being made said officers are hereby authorized and empowered to affix the common seal of this Society thereto, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the said deeds or other instruments as the free act and deed of this Society.

(2.)—The Board of Directors may prescribe suitable regulations for the affairs of the Executive Committee, and may delegate to the Executive Committee, by vote, any of the powers given to the Board of Directors, including the power to sell and convey real estate. The Executive Committee shall, for the time being, except as limited by vote of the Directors, have and exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, and it may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all such contracts, papers and documents as may require it. The Executive Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be at any time open to the inspection of any member of the Board of Directors, and shall, semi-annually, present a detailed report of its doings, including the minutes of its meetings to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee shall, at each Annual Meeting, present a printed ballot containing nominations for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Auditor, and members of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV.

CONSTITUENT AND CO-OPERATING STATES.

For the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, and in the carrying on of the work of the Society, the States, except those included in the missionary districts defined in Article XVI., shall be divided into two classes, which shall be called Constituent and Co-operating States, respectively.

(1.)—A Constituent State shall be one which has organized and incorporated a Home Missionary Society of the kind described in Article II., which society has determined with the approval of the Board of Directors of the C. H. M. S. to undertake self-support; has entered into an agreement with said Board similar to that adopted by other Constituent States relative to expenditures within the State, and the proportion of its funds to be set aside for the C. H. M. S.; has agreed to co-operate with all other Constituent States through the Board of Directors in furthering the work and enlarging the resources of the C. H. M. S., and to send at the close of the fiscal year, April 1, a complete account of its receipts and expenditures for the preceding year to the Treasurer of the C. H. M. S., that these may be incorporated in the Annual Report of the National Society. Any Constituent State whose State Society shall fail for three successive years to discharge its obligations to the C. H. M. S., as defined by the Board of Directors, shall thereafter cease to be a Constituent State until restored by vote of the Board. In the original organization under the new plan,

it shall be understood that all States hitherto considered auxiliary shall be considered, *de facto*, Constituent States, subject to the conditions named above, so far as they apply.

(2.)—A Co-operating State shall be one, which, though unable to undertake self-support, is strong enough to raise a considerable proportion of the total sum required for home missionary work within its borders; has organized and incorporated a State Home Missionary Society of the kind described in Article II. with the approval of the Board of Directors of the C. H. M. S., which State society has entered into definite agreement with said Board as to the proportion of expenditures within the State to be raised by the State itself, has pledged its utmost endeavor in advancing the work, both in the State and in the nation, and whose application that such State should be entitled a Co-operating State has been approved by the Board of Directors of the C. H. M. S. Any Co-operating State whose State Society shall fail for three successive years to discharge its obligations to the C. H. M. S., as defined by the Board of Directors, shall thereafter cease to be a Co-operating State until restored by vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XV.

AUXILIARY CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Any Church Extension or City Missionary Society may become auxiliary to the C. H. M. S. when its application for this relationship shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the C. H. M. S., a condition of such approval being an agreement by said City Missionary Society to report April 1 its receipts and expenditures for the preceding twelve months, that the same may be incorporated in the report of the National Society. The C. H. M. S. shall encourage and aid the work of such Societies wherever the National voice will strengthen the local effort; it shall seek to gather special funds for this important field of missionary operation from which it shall make grants to these Auxiliary City Missionary Societies, it being understood that such grants shall be made only when, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, the City Missionary Society has done all in its power, and only to meet such special emergencies as justify such assistance.

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONARY DISTRICTS.

All States and Territories, within which no State Home Missionary Society has been organized under conditions which the Board of Directors approves, and all such sections of the population, especially those speaking a foreign language, in which the State Societies agree that the Board of Directors and the officers of their National Society shall operate directly as a missionary agency, shall be known as Missionary Districts. In these districts the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee shall have power to appoint superintendents, to employ missionaries, to establish churches; and on this work they shall report fully at the Annual Meeting of the Society. It shall be the constant aim of the Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, and its officers, so to promote the growth of Congregational churches in these Missionary Districts that in the case of the said States, approved State Societies may be established, and, in the case of said sections of the population, individual churches may be brought into such a con-

dition, especially through the adoption of the English language in their public worship and Sunday Schools, that they may be passed under the care of the Home Missionary Society in the States to which they severally belong.

ARTICLE XVII.

Should the Congregational denomination of Christians, with the approval of its National Council, hereafter become so associated with other Christian churches, or merged or combined with them either in a new denomination or an organic union of churches which had previously had different denominational names; and should in consequence thereof State Home Missionary Societies previously connected with the Congregational denomination assume a different name or connection, or new Home Missionary Societies be formed in any State, to discharge similar functions as representative of the new denomination or association or union of churches, then for all the purposes of this Constitution all such Home Missionary Societies shall be deemed Home Missionary Societies connected with the Congregational denomination.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MEETINGS.

This Society shall meet annually at such time and place in the United States as it shall appoint, or on failure of such appointment, as the Board of Directors may, with due notice appoint.

ARTICLE XIX.

AMENDMENTS.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution without a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at a previous Annual Meeting, or shall be recommended by the Board of Directors.

The Committee on Nominations brought in its report nominating the officers under the new constitution. It was voted to accept the report of the Nominating Committee; and that the election be by ballot.

The following Officers and Directors were elected:

PRESIDENT.

Rev. CHARLES S. MILLS, of Missouri.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

H. CLARK FORD, of Ohio.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. LOUIS F. BERRY, of Connecticut.

AUDITOR.

GEORGE S. EDGELL, of New York,

DIRECTORS.

(Nominated by the Societies of the Constituent States.)

Rev. **RAYMOND CALKINS**, of Maine;
 Rev. **GEO. E. HALL**, of New Hampshire;
 Rev. **HENRY FAIRBANKS**, of Vermont;
 Rev. **S. H. WOODROW**, of Massachusetts;
JOHN F. HUNTSMAN, of Rhode Island;
 Rev. **H. H. KELSEY**, of Connecticut;
 Rev. **S. PARKES CADMAN**, of New York;
W. W. MILLS, of Ohio;
 Rev. **W. E. BARTON**, of Illinois;
 Rev. **GEORGE R. LEAVITT**, of Wisconsin;
 Rev. **E. M. VITUM**, of Iowa;
 Rev. **BASTIAN SMITS**, of Michigan;
EDWIN TUCKER, of Kansas.

DIRECTORS AT LARGE.

Rev. **E. L. SMITH**, of Washington;
 Rev. **FRANK T. BAYLEY**, of Colorado;
 Rev. **L. H. HALLOCK**, of Minnesota;
 Rev. **H. C. HERRING**, of Nebraska;
 Rev. **LIVINGSTON L. TAYLOR**, of New York;
ROBERT D. BENEDICT, of New York.

Voted to adjourn at 1:05 P. M.

At 2:00 P. M. meeting was called to order by President Mills.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Lyon, of Rhode Island.

Dr. Choate read a letter from the Congregational Ministers' Club, inviting the Society to hold its annual meeting in 1907 at Denver, Colorado.

Invitation was also received from the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Voted to refer the matter to the Board of Directors with power.

President Mills being obliged to leave to attend the first meeting of the Board of Directors, President H. C. King was elected to preside during the afternoon.

President Mills announced that the members of the former Executive Committee had resigned on the previous evening to take effect at midnight May 8th. Voted to accept the resignation of those members whose terms of service had not expired.

The program of the afternoon was then made the order of the day as follows:

Topic: "Our Opportunity. Things We Ought to Do."

Address—"Our Opportunity in the New West"; Rev. Frank K. Sanders, Boston, Mass.

Address—"Our Opportunity in the New Eastern Frontier"; Rev. F. E. Emrich, Boston, Mass.

Address—"Our Opportunity in Our Cities"; Rev. Josiah Strong, President American Institute of Social Service, New York.

Address—"America a Christian Nation"; Prof. Edward A. Steiner, Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.

The following communication was received from the Board of Directors in session:

The Directors of the Congregational Home Missionary Society having received an overture from the Home Missionary Society of Nebraska resolving upon self-support and asking admission as a constituent State, it was voted

That the Board cordially approve the ultimatum of Nebraska to assume self-support.

Voted that Dr. Barton be a committee to inform Dr. Tuttle of the action of the Board, and to present to the Society the application of that State, together with the nomination of a Director to represent Nebraska on the Board.

LIVINGSTON L. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Voted that the application of the Nebraska Home Missionary Society for representation in the Board of Directors be approved.

Rev. J. E. Tuttle, of Nebraska, was named as Director.

Voted that nominations be closed.

Voted that Rev. J. H. Selden cast one ballot for Rev. J. E. Tuttle, of Nebraska, as Director.

Rev. J. E. Tuttle declared elected to Board of Directors.

Voted to adjourn.

Society convened again at 7:30.

Rev. W. E. Barton elected to preside in absence of President Mills, at Board of Directors.

Rev. H. C. Herring, of Nebraska, led in devotional service.

As Rev. W. E. Barton was called to attend another meeting, Rev. W. L. Phillips, of Connecticut, was elected to preside.

The following program for the evening was then carried out:

Topic: "Inspiration from Life."

Address—Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, Superintendent Southern Idaho, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona.

Address—Rev. Charles Stelzle, Superintendent of Department of Church and Labor, Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, Chicago.

Address—Rev. William G. Puddefoot, Field Secretary, C. H. M. S.

Address—President George A. Gates, Pomona College, Claremont, Cal.

After Benediction, adjournment was taken to Thursday morning.

At nine o'clock Thursday morning, after devotional services, Rev. J. B. Gregg was chosen to preside in place of President Mills, and the program of the morning was carried out under the general topic:

"Our Co-operating Agencies."

"Ministerial Relief"—Rev. W. A. Rice.

"The Church Building Society"—Rev. C. H. Richards; Rev. W. W. Newell, Field Secretary.

"The Sunday School and Publishing Society"—Rev. Frank K. Sanders.

"The Education Society"—Rev. E. S. Tead; Rev. J. H. Heald, of New Mexico; Rev. M. J. Fenenga, of Wisconsin.

"The American Missionary Association"—Rev. A. H. Bradford, President of the A. M. A.

Rev. H. H. Kelsey, of Connecticut, called to the chair.

Voted that addresses during the discussion be limited to five minutes each.

The following speakers were heard: Rev. H. C. Herring, of Nebraska; Rev. W. L. Phillips, of Connecticut; Rev. C. A. Vincent, of Illinois; Rev. F. S. Fitch, of New York; Rev. Simeon Gilbert, of Illinois; Rev. H. F. Swartz, of Ohio; Rev. F. E. Jenkins, of Georgia; Rev. H. P. De Forest, of Michigan;

Associate Secretary Don O. Shelton, of New York; President George A. Gates, of California; John H. Perry, of Connecticut.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed by John H. Perry, of Connecticut, to be acted upon at the next annual meeting (in 1907):

To amend Paragraph 1 of Article III. by erasing the words "by such Home Missionary Societies of the several States" and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "Pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (3) below."

Amend subdivision (3) of Article III. so that it shall read as follows: "The Congregational Churches of this country shall be represented in the voting membership of this Society by members elected in number and manner as follows: 'Each local Conference on the roll of the National Council numbering not less than twelve (12) churches, a majority of which has been reported in the two preceding Year Books as having contributed to the Home Mission work of the Congregational Churches, shall be entitled to and may elect one member.'"

Each State Association whose delegates are recognized by the National Council shall be entitled to and may elect one member, and one additional member for each 10,000 of their own members (or major part thereof) beyond the first 10,000. The term of service of the members representing churches shall be five years, except that at the first election under this provision of the Constitution each Association entitled to more than one member shall elect them for differing terms up to five years, and any member who removes from the Conference or Association which he represents shall cease to be a member. When more than one member is elected by an Association it is recommended that the number be divided as nearly equally as possible between ministers and laymen.

Amend Article VI. by erasing the word "Societies" in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Associations or Conferences."

Amend Art. V., Sec. (3), subdivision (a), so that the same shall read as follows:

"Each constituent State Society shall send in two nominations for the representative in the Board above provided for, one of a minister and one of a layman, and the nominations so made shall be transmitted at once to the Nominating Committee. Said committee shall present one of these at the annual meeting for election by the Society."

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for the Nominating Committee for the ensuing year:

(To serve one year):

Rev. CHAS. O. DAY, of Massachusetts.

W. H. CROSBY, of New York.

Rev. W. H. DAY, of California.

(To serve two years):

Rev. W. F. SLOCUM, of Colorado.

E. H. PITKIN, of Illinois.

Rev. C. L. KLOSS, of Pennsylvania.

DAVID I. CARSON, of Georgia.

It was voted that the Recording Secretary cast one ballot for the above candidates. They were so elected.

The following were elected as a committee on resolutions on recommendation of Nominating Committee:

Rev. DWIGHT M. PRATT.

Rev. C. W. HUNTINGTON.

Rev. P. M. SNYDER.

It was voted: "That we request the Board of Directors and various Boards of Management in the State Societies as rapidly as possible to work towards a common Treasury and Treasurer."

Voted to adjourn at 12:25 p. m.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock, with Prayer by Rev. E. F. Williams, of Chicago.

Rev. P. M. Snyder, of Illinois, was chosen to preside at the afternoon session.

The hymn, "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest," was sung in memory of the heroes of the Society who have gone to their reward.

The topic for the afternoon was:

"Our Undeveloped Resources."

(a) "The Women"—Mrs. Alice G. West, of Massachusetts.

(b) "The Children"—Rev. H. H. Kelsey, of Connecticut.

(c) "The Young People"—Rev. E. B. Allen, of Ohio.

(d) "The Men"—Fred B. Smith, of New York.

(e) "These Forces Organized"—Don O. Shelton, of New York.

Voted to adjourn.

The evening session convened at 7:30, with Rev. William E. Barton in the chair. Rev. Dwight M. Pratt, of Ohio, conducted the devotional service.

Rev. Dwight M. Pratt offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Congregational Home Missionary Society extend to the pastor of this church, Dr. W. E. Barton, and to his people, and to the pastors and people of the other Congregational churches of Oak Park, its sincere thanks for their gracious hospitality; and to the choirs of these churches for their enrichment of the services.

Resolved, That we express to the officers of the railroads thanks for their courtesy in granting reduced rates to those attending these meetings.

Resolved, That the Society express to the retiring Executive Committee its grateful and affectionate appreciation of their able and devoted service, particularly during the trying experiences of the past year; and gratitude also for the noble expression made, through the chairman of the committee, at this annual meeting, of their steadfast loyalty to the Society.

The topic for the evening was, "The Purpose and the Power of God."

The first address was by Rev. A. Z. Conrad, of Boston.

Following Dr. Conrad's address, the new President and the Board of Directors came to the platform.

Dr. Mills, in a few words, spoke of the work so far accomplished by the new Board of Directors, and then announced the new Executive Committee as follows:

C. C. WEST,

J. G. CANNON,

Rev. H. P. DEWEY,

Rev. S. PARKES CADMAN,

W. W. FREEMAN,

J. F. HUNTSMAN,

Rev. L. L. TAYLOR,

Rev. H. H. KELSEY.

Rev. L. H. Hallock then read a statement from the Board of Directors, which is as follows:

STATEMENT.

A great crisis has been nobly met, and we gratefully acknowledge the cordial and enthusiastic support which has made possible this movement for reorganization in the face of delicate and difficult conditions, now so happily surmounted.

The attendance has been large and representative and the spirit and the addresses most delightful and inspiring.

Several States have already announced their determination to become "constituent" or "co-operating" at the earliest possible moment, and to exert themselves to the utmost in the new movement for increased efficiency and vigorous self-support; and others are sure to follow.

The Board plans to secure, with no unnecessary delay, a general secretary of commanding ability, who shall fully embody the new spirit of the hour, and many important changes must wait until such secretary shall be secured.

The new Directors and the State Superintendents have had delightful conference together, and the outlook is full of promise.

We aim to realize the hopes and prayers of the great body of Congregational churches throughout this land, and confidently count upon you all to make our efforts a success, while we seek to execute your will to our utmost ability.

Give us your prayers, your counsel and your confidence, as together we march forward to achieve new victories for the kingdom of Christ wherever our flag floats.

SIGNED BY THE DIRECTORS.

It was voted to refer all papers to the Executive Committee with respect to their publication.

The address of Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis followed on the topic for the evening.

Following the address of Dr. Hillis, the meeting adjourned, and the presentation of diplomas to the graduating class of the Chicago Theological Seminary was made by President Joseph H. George.

EIGHTIETH REPORT.

During the year herein reviewed the Society has lost one of its most active supporters and wisest counsellors, Mr. William H. Wanamaker. Twice called to membership in the Executive Committee, Mr. Wanamaker gave five years of faithful service in this important and responsible office. Known to a great number as a successful merchant and the directing mind of a large business enterprise, his labors in behalf of his own church in Philadelphia and in the missionary organizations of the denomination were less conspicuous, but full of Christian devotion, of willing service, of wise counsel. "His wealth was to him a trust for the Kingdom of God," and in more than one home missionary emergency it was freely and generously bestowed. For two years Mr. Wanamaker was vice-president of the Society and presided at the Annual Meeting of 1902, one of the most important gatherings of the Society in recent years.

Of the 1,660 missionaries bearing the commission of this Society, three have been called from earthly service to their reward: Rev. George W. Moore, of Pennsylvania; Rev. J. M. Brown, of Nebraska; Rev. John Lewis, of Michigan.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

The number of Missionary laborers in the service of the Society last year, ending March 31, 1906, whose names are found in the table near the close of this Report, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 1,660. (Deducting 19 reported in more than one State, 1,641.) Of these, 1,303 were in commission at the date of the last Report, and 338 have since been appointed.

They have been employed in 46 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 95; New Hampshire, 50; Vermont, 48; Massachusetts, 147; Rhode Island, 17; Connecticut, 86; New York, 76; New Jersey, 10; Pennsylvania, 34; North Carolina, 1; Maryland, 4; Virginia, 2; Louisiana, 4; Georgia, 32; Alabama, 9; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 25; Indian Territory, 5; Kentucky, 1; Texas, 9; Oklahoma, 40; Tennessee, 3; Ohio, 42; Indiana, 20; Illinois, 79; Missouri, 27; Michigan, 74; Wisconsin, 57; Iowa, 75; Minnesota, 85; Kansas, 49; Nebraska, 70; North Dakota, 51; South Dakota, 72; Colorado, 35; Wyoming, 9; Montana, 13; New Mexico, 3; Utah, 8; Idaho, 18; Arizona, 4; North California, 42; South California, 32; Oregon, 26; Washington, 60; Alaska, 2; Cuba, 7—in all, 1,660. Of these, 19 having labored in more than one State, are in this enumeration twice counted. The total number of individuals employed is 1,641.

This distribution, retaining the twice counted, gives to the New England States, 443; Middle States, 124; Southern States, 77; Southwestern States, 82; on the Pacific Coast, 163; Western States and Territories, 764; Cuba, 7.

Of the whole number in commission, 1,004 have been pastors or stated supplies of single congregations; 419 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 218 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of missionary labor performed is 1,157 years.

The number of congregations and missionary districts which have been fully supplied, or where the Gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 2,216.

The number of those who have preached in foreign languages is 193, 38 to German congregations, 89 to Scandinavian congregations, 20 to Bohemian congregations, 5 to Polish congregations, 7 to French congregations, 2 to Mexican congregations, 8 to Italian congregations, 8 to Spanish congregations, 6 to congregations of Finns, 2 to congregations of Danes, 6 to congregations of Armenians, 1 to a congregation of Greeks.

The number of Sunday School and Bible-class scholars is not far from 115,824. The organization of 107 new schools is reported, and the number under the special care of missionaries is 1,659.

One hundred and sixty-two make mention of revivals of religion during the year, some of them reporting 120, 100, 90, 74, 65, 61, 58, 52, 50, 49 hopeful conversions. In 141 instances the number of reported converts exceeds 10, and the number reported by 459 missionaries is 5,100.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 7,315, viz.: 4,708 on confession of faith, and 2,505 by letters from other churches.

Forty-five churches have been organized in connection with the labors of the Missionaries within the year, and 60 have assumed the entire support of their own Gospel ordinances.

Fifty-seven houses of worship have been completed and 203 materially repaired or improved, and 76 parsonages have been provided. Forty-one young men in connection with the missionary churches are reported as in different stages of preparation for the Gospel ministry.

THE TREASURY.

The Congregational Home Missionary Society began the year with a net debt of \$180,698.97. The receipts of the National Society during the year from contributions, legacies, and other sources, were \$253,435.55.

The expenditures of the National Society for missionary labor and expenses during the year have been \$256,707.81.

The net debt at close of the fiscal year, March 31, is \$183,971.23.

The Auxiliary Societies raised and expended in their own fields, during the year, \$240,894.18 net. Adding this to the total receipts of the National Society, we have a grand total of receipts for Home Missions for the year of \$494,329.73, and a grand total of expenditures for missionary labor and expenses of \$497,601.99.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

The number of commissions is less by 136 than that of the seventy-ninth year; the years of labor were 141 less; the number who have preached in foreign languages were 5 less; 86 less preaching stations have been steadily supplied. The additions to the aided churches were, by letter, 67 more, and on confession 528 more than last year. The number of Sunday Schools under missionary care have been 8 less, with 6,895 less scholars reported.

CONCLUSION.

The marked feature of the eightieth year of the Society is found in the changes initiated at the annual meeting held in Springfield, Massachusetts, June, 1905. At this meeting the report of the special committee on the adjustment of the organization to present conditions in both East and West was presented, and plans entered upon by which the reorganized Society should begin its work with the eighty-first year. That this end might be accomplished, the annual meeting is held as early in the new year as is possible.

The changes in the organization contemplated will mark an era in the history of Congregational Home Missions. Four score years of organized national work are completed. This covers the period of the nation's expansion in organized civic life on this continent from twenty-four States and three territories, all of which, except two States and one territory, were east of the Mississippi River, to the forty-five States and five territories, including Alaska, which are to-day the national domain and field of the Society's service; and, from a population of eleven millions to one of an estimated eighty-four millions at the beginning of 1906.

Into every State and territory Congregational life has gone and the Congregational home missionary has been present in most of them in the days of their earliest occupancy. It is well to repeat the oft-told fact, that four out of every five Congregational churches of to-day are the fruit of this Society's labors. Well may it be recalled that by the planting and maturing hand of this organization more than 7,000 churches have had their being. Of these, 3,350 have been brought to self-support by the careful and patient ministry of home missionaries. To the denomination by whose support mainly its work has been accomplished, it may be recalled with pride that for eighty years now completed the total receipts of the National Society, plus the total expenditures of the auxiliary societies on their own fields, is \$23,383,056.83.

It may also be remembered with large satisfaction that the churches planted and fostered by the home missionary aid of the denomination have paid into the Congregational benevolences within the past twenty-five years an amount larger than the nearly twenty-three and a half millions invested in this work from the beginning. Financially, the eightieth year is one of gratifying advance.

An increase of more than \$70,000 in the gifts of the churches and individuals for immediate use; and an addition of \$130,000 to the invested funds of the Society bring encouragement even though a shrinkage of \$60,000 in legacy receipts prevented the reduction of the debt with which the year began.

From the missionary field come reports of special religious interest at one hundred and sixty-two points under the care of missionary pastors and more than five thousand conversions are reported. The additions to the churches under the care of the Society have been larger than in the preceding year, both on confession of faith and by letter, the total being 7,315.

Forty-five churches have been organized and sixty have undertaken self-support.

This eightieth year has also been marked by the action of Southern California in terminating its relation to this Society as a State receiving aid from outside and entering the ranks of those hereafter to be known as constituent

States. The congratulations of the Society are due to the churches of this new Pacific Coast member of the sisterhood of self-supporting States, in which capacity it enters the year 1906-1907.

Nebraska stands upon the threshold of the same action, her churches having determined to consider and decide the question at a meeting of the State Association soon to be held. It is probable that with the celebration of the semi-centennial of Nebraska Congregationalism the State will assume self-support.

With these results attained and with the outlook of renewed interest of the churches in this vitally important work, the eightieth year of the Society closes.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

WASHINGTON CHOATE,

Corresponding Secretary.

AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

J. G. BLAKE, ESQ., PRESIDENT. REV. CHARLES HARBUTT, SECRETARY.

WILLIAM P. HUBBARD, ESQ., TREASURER, BANGOR.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PORTLAND, ME.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:	
From churches and individuals.....	\$13,100 26
From legacies	6,955 55
Income from invested funds.....	3,187 06
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	\$23,242 87
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Maine, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	
	2,311 61
Total amount raised in the State, in cash for Home Missions.	
	\$25,554 48
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, from surplus and request of donors within the year ending March 31	
	\$1,142 64
The Auxiliary expended in its own field for necessary labor and expenses within the year ending March 31.....	
	\$21,307 13

Secretary Harbutt says:

The work has gone steadily on during the year and shows some advance along all lines. Two new Churches have been organized and one that for nearly twelve years has been without regular services, the Church being closed for nearly the whole of the time, has been started on a new course of life with the addition of seventeen members and a new pastor. Two Church buildings have been completed and dedicated and two parsonages have been built and occupied. Two Churches have assumed self-support. The additions to the Churches show a fair margin over all lines and a working balance was carried over in the treasury. During the winter a number of the Churches have called upon the Forward Movement Committee for assistance and the results have been extremely gratifying. Several of the Churches report large numbers of conversions, one as many as forty as a result of these meetings, and all of them a deepened sense of responsibility and awakened activity on the part of Christians. This must result in increased membership in the Churches later on.

There seems to be considerable interest in Home Missionary work throughout the State which we hope may result in larger gifts. This is especially noticeable in the case of some of the smaller Churches.

The greatest obstacle encountered is the difficulty in finding suitable men for the mission fields on our frontier and sea-coast. These fields cover in some cases a great deal of territory and include several Churches and preaching stations. In others they are island parishes several miles out at sea. The work is hard and the pay not large and the candidates are few. The surplus

of ministers, about which so much is said at times, is not to be found in Maine.

The outlook on the whole is very hopeful and the Maine Missionary Society and its friends are full of courage.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WILLIAM J. TUCKER, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. ALFRED T. HILLMAN, SECRETARY.
ALVIN B. CROSS, ESQ., TREASURER. OFFICE IN CONCORD.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending December 31, were:	
From churches, individuals, and Missionary Union.....	\$3,571 28
From legacies	2,500 00
Income from invested funds.....	3,400 63
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	\$9,471 91
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in New Hampshire, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	
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	10,492 34
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions in twelve months	
	\$19,964 25
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash for the national work, by request of donors, within the year ending March 31	
	\$171 00
The Auxiliary expended on its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	
	\$12,278 37

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HENRY FAIRBANKS, PH.D., PRESIDENT.
CHAS. H. MERRILL, D.D., SECRETARY. JOHN T. RITCHIE, TREASURER.
OFFICE IN ST. JOHNSBURY.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:	
From churches and individuals.....	\$4,425 94
From legacies	8,832 82
Income from invested funds	968 32
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	\$14,227 08
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Vermont, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	
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	7,596 72
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	
	\$21,823 80
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	
	\$1,149 07
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	
	\$7,912 13

Secretary Merrill writes:

The signs of spiritual awakening foreshadowed last year find their counterpart this year in a marked advance in nearly all directions. Three new churches have been formed under most favorable auspices. Two of them unite in their membership all the Christian forces of their locality, and the other is the fruitage of a field long cultivated. Additions to the Church on confession are larger than for many years. An unusually efficient force of young men from

the seminaries worked in some of the smaller fields last summer, and developed unexpected potentialities. The ministerial supply through the year, while not fully meeting demands, has shown improvement.

In the matter of finances, while the gifts from the living as yet increase but slowly, there has been a relatively large income from legacies and the lapse of annuities, enabling the society the first time in several years to send on something for the relief of the national treasury. The trust funds which the society held for the benefit of specified churches, have also been largely increased during the year. One Church building has been erected to take the place of one lost by fire; another is in the process of building, and there has been an improvement in Church property in a large number of instances.

The force of women workers with some change in personnel remains about the same as of late years. The tendency continues to retain their services for longer periods of time, and give the work more of a pastoral than an evangelistic character.

The year of the society has been changed to correspond with the national organization, and in some other respects the constitution has been amended to conform with the new order proposed.

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HENRY HOPKINS, D.D., LL.D., PRESIDENT. FREDERICK E. EMRICH, D.D., SECRETARY. REV. JOSHUA COIT, TREASURER. OFFICE IN BOSTON.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$43,028 81
From legacies	29,675 33
Income from invested funds.....	6,776 66
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	\$79,480 80

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Massachusetts, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	<hr/>
	73,151 51

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$152,632 31
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$9,806 53
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$62,887 27

Secretary Emrich says:

The Massachusetts churches, through their servant, the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, are still endeavoring to meet the needs of the Bay State and the regions beyond.

The problem before us is substantially the same this year as last year.

There has been a deepening religious interest in the State. We are looking forward to a revival of interest in Home Missions from the reorganization of the Society at Oak Park.

RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

J. F. HUNTSMAN, PRESIDENT. REV. J. H. LYON, SECRETARY, CENTRAL FALLS.
JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, TREASURER. OFFICE IN PROVIDENCE.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending December 31, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$1,950 36
Income from invested funds	112 10
From legacies	1,060 66

\$3,123 12

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Rhode Island, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	2,381 68
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$5,504 80
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of honors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$315 68
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses within the year ending January 31.....	\$2,927 12

Secretary Lyon says:

The Rhode Island Home Missionary Society has no new story to tell. The work has been done along the old lines followed in recent years. No new work has been attempted. Contributions have not warranted the enlargement of service which opportunity has called for. But what we have done seems to us to have been productive service. The Churches and missions aided have made encouraging reports of their work. Our missionaries have proved themselves to be men of ability and genuine devotion. The Armenian minister was recently ordained by a council of the Churches. His flock increases at the preaching services and in the Sunday School. His wife is of great assistance, especially in the house to house work. Some of the Gregorians have attended the meetings. No Churches have come to self-support. Some repairs have been made, but no new buildings have been erected. If we cannot note any enlargement of our work, we can report that the station occupies an important center of influence, and the evidences of much good accomplished are plain and encouraging.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

PROF. DAVID N. CAMP, PRESIDENT.

REV. JOEL S. IVES, SECRETARY. WARD W. JACOBS, ESQ., TREASURER.
OFFICE IN HARTFORD.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$13,602 23
From legacies	2,189 04
Income from invested funds.....	1,089 83

\$16,881 10

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Connecticut, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	39,070 66
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$55,951 76
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The Auxiliaries paid into the treasury of the National Society, from special fund and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	\$4,194 26
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$23,502 32

Secretary Ives reports:

A GOOD SHOWING FOR AIDED CHURCHES.

Sixty-seven churches are on the aided list with a total membership of 3,794; 442 have been added during the year, making a net gain in confession over deaths of 256. Contributions and legacies foot up \$11,195, or 78 per cent. of the total amount of aid rendered.

HOME AND FOREIGN COMPARED.

Of the aided list 37 are foreign and 40 native. The foreign churches, including two that were self-supporting, have a total membership of 2,063; 199 were added. They have a church property of \$126,313, and their reported benevolences, \$4,451, were 52 per cent. of the amount of aid rendered, \$8,498. These figures speak volumes for the economy and efficiency of Foreign Missions at home.

It is to be remembered that this is of recent origin. To be sure, German churches were aided in six manufacturing centers fifty years ago, but the oldest foreign Church in the State is not half that age, while the bulk of the work is within the decade.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Bridgeport Swedish has declared itself ready to assume its burdens and makes this as its contribution "to the debt."

New London for some years has had a Swedish mission in connection with the Church in Norwich. Conditions warranted the recognition of a Church which is now the stronger of the two.

A union enterprise at Bunker Hill, Waterbury, which possessed a fine building took action which resulted in the recognition of a Church. Its excellent location in the rapidly growing city gives promise of speedy self-support.

Italian work in Berlin and New Britain under Mr. Vincenzo Esperti, and in Torrington under Mr. Gennaro Giordano, is hopeful and promising. There is a peculiar call in New England for the suitable preparation of those who may preach the Gospel to them "of Italy," a quarter of a million of whom have come into New England in the last six years.

Greenwich and Stamford start the year with united Swedish work, at least so far as aid from the Society is concerned.

Elmwood Chapel, Hartford, has been the home for union efforts for twenty-five years. The Society has adopted it with the definite purpose of establishing a Congregational Church as the city grows in that direction.

"STATE PRIDE."

Since the adoption of the "compact" it has been needful to draw on the New York treasury each year for the work of the State, but during 1905, chiefly because of the Shelton Administration Fund, all bills were paid from the

treasury of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, even though the total of expenditure had increased. When Massachusetts is the most foreign State in the Union and the difference in Rhode Island and Connecticut is but slight, there should be no thought of anything but ADVANCE all along the line.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Connecticut looks forward hopefully to the adoption of the new order of things. The Auxiliary has always tried to be helpful and has cheerfully borne a share in the burdens. The work to be done remains the same, but the burdens must be shifted a little. The old New England is gone. The Middle West must assume with her ancestry some of the burdens that that ancestry carried so long. Of Connecticut's \$5,000,000, given in this glorious Home Missionary campaign, only 15 per cent. has been spent within the State. Present conditions demand an increasing State expenditure. This means more money. The vital question is, Who will give this money? The work must not be retrenched. Every outlook calls for increase.

NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

CHARLES E. JEFFERSON, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. CHARLES W. SHELTON, SECRETARY.
CLAYTON S. FITCH, TREASURER, 105 EAST 22D STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 31, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$3,181 75
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in New York State, for the national work (including \$13,599.65 from New York City and Brooklyn), within the year ending March 31	32,605 15
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$35,786 90
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society.....	\$261 61
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31.....	\$21,905 19

Secretary Shelton reports:

The agreement between the Congregational Home Missionary Society and the New York Home Missionary Society which has been in force in the past has continued during the year just closed. Under this agreement all receipts from all sources within the State, without regard to which treasury they have been sent, have been included in a common fund. From this fund \$20,000 have been appropriated for the work in the city and State of New York, the balance having been appropriated by the Congregational Home Missionary Society to the national work. The two societies have united in presenting the joint appeal of both State and national work as thoroughly as possible.

During the year 69 missionaries have been under commission in 66 fields, their combined labor equaling 634 months. Two churches within the city of New York and two churches in the State field have come to self-support. Two new churches have been organized in the metropolitan field. Seven foreign churches have applied for admission to the denomination, and aid from the Home Missionary Society, but all of these have been declined because of the limited funds at our disposal.

The work among the foreign-born is largely in the metropolitan field. In greater New York we are preaching in nine different languages to ten different nationalities. Four-fifths of the population of New York city are of foreign-born parentage. It is the largest Irish, the largest Jewish, the second largest German, and the second largest Italian city in the world.

The work of aiding the churches in the rural districts and the younger churches in our growing State cities is increasing as never before. Of our 305 churches, we have 120 that cannot pay a salary of \$600 without Home Missionary aid. Appeals for eight new churches in New York city this last year have been declined.

The pastors of four of our largest metropolitan churches have each made a visit to the churches of the State, reaching the delegates and representatives of about 200 of our churches, deepening the interest in our Home Missionary work, and binding the churches of the State and city together in a closer brotherhood.

OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. WILLIAM E. CADMUS, PRESIDENT. REV. CHARLES H. SMALL, SECRETARY
AND TREASURER, 711 CAXTON BUILDING, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

The net receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 31, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$7,564 98
Income from invested fund.....	88 70
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	\$7,653 68
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Ohio, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	1,042 32
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Total net amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions	\$8,696 00
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, from surplus and request of donors within the year ending March 31.....	\$1,181 59
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31.....	\$8,873 11

Secretary Small writes:

There have been forty-two missionaries in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty-eight churches and stations. Besides the English churches, we minister to Bohemian, Polish, Finnish, and Welsh congregations. A new Bohemian Church was organized during the year. Emmanuel, in Cleveland. Rev. Philip Reitingger got this work well under way and then went to Chicago, his place being taken by Rev. Adolf Yukl. We surrendered one of our Polish workers, Rev. Paul Kozierek, to Detroit, but his place is taken by Rev. Paul Fox. The most marked work has been at Barberton, where the membership has been doubled and a new building is a necessity.

Ohio's work was never in better condition. Receipts are increasing and the outlook is encouraging.

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WILLIAM E. BARTON, D.D., PRESIDENT AND ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

JOHN W. ILIFF, TREASURER. OFFICE IN CHICAGO.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 31, were:

From churches, individuals and Auxiliaries.....	\$39,468 69
Income from invested fund.....	9,307 21
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	\$48,775 90
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.	\$4,854 35
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$53,630 25
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society.....	\$241 00
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31.....	\$36,745 83

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. C. S. PATTON, PRESIDENT. WILLIAM H. WARREN, D.D., SECRETARY.

LANSING, MICH. REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, TREASURER,
LANSING, MICH.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$14,383 38
From legacies.....
Income from invested funds	966 87
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	\$15,350 25
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Michigan, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	2,919 38
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$18,269 63
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$14,014 22

Secretary Warren reports:

We have 97 Home Missionary churches. In the case of 64 of them, each missionary serves two churches. In one instance, a missionary is pastor of three churches. There are about twenty-five outstations where there are regular preaching services. Seven churches have come to self-support during the year.

The last year has, on the whole, been one of encouragement in our Home Missionary work. The most perplexing problem has been and is to find the right kind of men as pastors of our smaller churches, even when two or three churches are united in one field. Men who have had a thorough training for the work of the ministry cannot, as a rule, be secured for our Home Missionary churches.

Several of our missionary fields cover from two to four, or more, whole townships, where our missionary is the only minister of any English-speaking Protestant denomination within the limit of his parish. In some instances, there is not a single Church building. The preaching services are all held in schoolhouses or private houses.

Additional pressure has been brought to bear upon churches in older parts of the State which have been receiving missionary aid for a period of years, either to come to self-support at once, or to arrange to do so at an early date. The results have been encouraging.

Sympathy is felt with the National Society in the heavy burden of debt which rests upon it. Would that it were in our power to do what our hearts prompt in helping to lift the burden.

The present Secretary has been traveling up and down the State for the last twelve years at the rate of from eighteen to twenty thousand miles each year. In all, he has traveled over 225,000 miles, and has yet to see the first accident to any one on a railroad train in all that travel.

WISCONSIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

G. R. LEAVITT, D.D., PRESIDENT. HOMER W. CARTER, D.D., BELOIT,
SECRETARY. C. M. BLACKMAN, ESQ., WHITEWATER, TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$13,059 71
Income from investments	512 00
From legacies	500 00
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	\$14,071 71
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Wisconsin, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	<hr/>
	373 40
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$14,445 11
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$13,845 29

Secretary Carter reports:

During the past year 79 churches, with 21 outstations, have been served by 43 missionary pastors, two district missionaries, one missionary assistant, and the State Secretary.

The expenditure, as last year, has been below the average, while the work has been expanded. This has been made possible by district missionary service and combinations under too few missionaries.

There have been organized the past year, eight churches, averaging eighteen members. Four houses of worship have been dedicated, and three fields, including eight organizations, have assumed self-support. There have been added to the missionary churches about 300 members.

The growth is still marked, particularly upon the northern frontier.

The sixth year of self-support as a State closed successfully September 30. By an unusual and unexpected movement at the annual meeting in October, \$525.00 were enthusiastically pledged to square the accounts of the year.

A plan, similar to that of Michigan, for State unification of all Congregational interests under one management, is under consideration. The unification of the Home Missionary interests of the nation, to be consummated at the Oak Park May anniversary of the C. H. M. S. is looked forward to with joy. The present campaign to remove the National Society's great debt is followed

prayerfully and hopefully. Wisconsin, having now no compact with the National Society, and being in the strenuous struggle of the early years of self-support with a large and needy frontier work, is not able to enter the campaign for extras on the debt to the extent that it would be glad to do. It is heartily encouraging the forwarding to New York of gifts above Wisconsin self-support needs.

Wisconsin's State motto is still "Forward," and its Home Missionary motto is "Self-Support, and More," with special emphasis this year on the *More*.

As a matter of economy, harmony and effectiveness, considerable emphasis is still placed upon the federation of churches in small towns.

While the union of the three denominations, Congregational, United Brethren, and Methodist Protestant, does not affect Wisconsin directly to any extent, it is in the line of getting together for the glory of God and the good of humanity, for which Wisconsin stands.

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, D.D., GRINNELL, SECRETARY. MISS A. D. MERRILL, TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals	\$15,542 16
From legacies	184 57
Income from investments	974 68

\$16,701 41

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Iowa, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	2,333 59
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$19,035 00
The auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society for national work, within the year ending March 31	\$740 22
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1	\$15,289 10

Secretary Douglass says:

The Society had in its employ in the year 73 missionaries, who served 87 churches, and more than a score of outstations regularly supplied. The time of service crowded into the year fell a little short of sixty years.

Four churches were organized; four came to self-support and four missionary churches completed houses of worship. The accessions to the missionary churches were 636, of which 378 united on confession of faith.

"The days of our years are three score years and ten," for this is the time of Home Missionary service in Iowa, which began January 1, 1836. But the three score years and ten multiply into years exceeding those of the Christian Era, for the workers are numbered by the thousands, more than 4,000 commissions having been issued to men and women for the Iowa work.

The cost of the work has been, in round numbers, \$900,000, just about one-half of it coming from New England and other friends outside the State.

In the twenty-four years of self-support, Iowa has put into the State work \$342,643, and into the National work, through the present Society, \$90,591 (plus February contributions).

What is there to show for all these years of service and this expenditure of money?

Three hundred and fourteen churches; thirty-seven thousand members; two colleges; hundreds of Christian communities; more than one hundred thousand from first to last brought into Church fellowship and into the Christian life.

A million and a half of money raised for missions; missionaries sent out to all the nations; the Commonwealth and other Commonwealths made more thoroughly Christian; forces generated which have gone into the "Leavening of the Nation."

Some months ago a company gathered at the State Capital to unveil the portrait of a man counted worthy of such honor. Who was he? A pioneer preacher, Dr. William Salter of the Iowa Band. Governor Cummins was there and said in substance: "Not the politicians, not the captains of industry, not the leaders in the great material enterprises of the State, but this man and men of his class and character have made Iowa what she is to-day, a noble, peerless, Christian Commonwealth."

This missionary service in Iowa has brought forth abundant fruit.

KANSAS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. F. L. HAYES, VICE-PRESIDENT. REV. HENRY E. THAYER, SECRETARY.

H. C. BOWMAN, TREASURER, TOPEKA.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 31, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$7,894 62
The National Society received from churches and individuals in Kansas, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.	179 57

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$8,074 19
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31.....	\$7,902 52

Secretary Thayer reports:

In sending you this, the Sixth Annual Statement of the Kansas Auxiliary, I want to assure you that all is well within our borders and that we are happy that we have met the difficulties attending State self-support and practically overcome them. Our Society is more secure in the hearts of the Churches than ever before; and the lesson of individual responsibility to a work that once was felt to be voluntary, and the necessity of sharing in service have been learned. In large measure our Churches have come to think of home missions as a part of the regular home expense. There has also been a very appreciable enlargement of the service rendered by our Churches in this line.

The policy of internal development which was assumed by the Society at its beginning has been pursued with a gradual assumption of the duty of external enlargement. This year four new Churches have been organized: Sherman, Midland, Pleasant View, and Fellowship, Wichita. Other large openings are before us and our policy is to enter at once. Our attempts to recover some of the neglected but promising fields have been attended with success. Hutchinson, Pittsburg and Douglass have been expensive, but have well repaid the cost.

There has been a strong movement toward better property among our Church for five years. The past year new Churches have been built at Argentine, Kansas City, First, Kiwa, Little River, Onaga, Pittsburg, Willard and Sherman. Smith Center dedicated a handsome Church soon after the opening of the fiscal year. Extensive repairs have been made at Alma, Dial, Maize, Westmoreland and Fellowship, Wichita. Parsonages have been built or purchased at Downs, Mt. Hope and Parsons. Others are looking at the problem of enlargement of property, and the record for the next year promises to be good.

This year Valley Falls and Arkansas City have assumed self-support. Two other missionary fields will make the effort in May.

Interest in the National Society is growing in the State. Indeed the State has never lost interest in the national service, but the assumption of self-support after receiving large aid from the National Society made our home problems great to us. Our Society has never voted anything to the National Treasury, but the reports of gifts in the Home Missionary show that the Kansas friends have not forgotten the parent Society. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Society there was a movement looking to the assumption of a portion of the National Society's debt.

This has been a year of happy evangelistic movement among our Churches. Our people are awake to the necessity of large efforts of a sane character along this line. There is prospect of a State Evangelist being commissioned by the Society who shall be instructed to work especially among the smaller and more isolated Churches.

CALIFORNIA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

C. R. BROWN, D.D., PRESIDENT. REV. J. K. HARRISON, SUPERINTENDENT
AND SECRETARY. GEO. T. HAWLEY, TREASURER.

The receipts of this Auxiliary, for Home Missions, within the year ending March 31, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$4,702 04
From legacies .....	.....
Income from investments .....	.....

\$4,702 04

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in North California, for the national work, within the year ending March 31	702 15
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.	\$5,404 19
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for Missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31.....	\$7,573 35

Secretary Harrison writes:

Northern and Central California has had more than its usual proportion of development. People by thousands are coming singly and in whole colonies. Vast ranges, for years held intact by individuals, are being opened for small holdings. The cities are growing in a manner unprecedented.

Every missionary here is a seer—and every one has a vision of the great future which fills him with hope, enthusiasm and an overwhelming sense of responsibility.

The Home Missionary work is being enlarged as rapidly as possible. The average giving has increased and is hardly excelled by the membership of any State, East or West. Seven Churches have assumed self-support; five more have reduced the amounts asked for in their applications; three have built new parsonages; two beautiful church buildings have been erected and many others have been much improved. Six new fields have been aided.

The city problem and the work among foreign peoples engage our best thought and effort. In the midst of vast opportunity and great discouragements on account of small ability, California faces her missionary work with courage and hopefulness.

PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA.

REV. CHAS. A. JONES, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SUPERINTENDENT.

The net receipts from this district have been \$8,969.88.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Thirty-four Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty-five churches and stations.

NEW JERSEY.—Ten Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fourteen churches and stations.

MARYLAND.—Four Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with four churches.

VIRGINIA.—Two Missionaries have been in commission, in connection with three churches.

Superintendent Jones says:

This second full year of Home Missionary service on the part of your Superintendent finds this field of Pennsylvania and adjoining States progressing slightly, even against odds. Despite the severest sort of retrenchment Pennsylvania Congregationalism is, if anything, stronger than ever to-day in numbers, in spirit and united aggressiveness. At any time to lay matters of local and national importance before the people has been to obtain a hearty response. "Onward!" has been our watchword.

The last "cut" of \$1,030 has caused a lopping-off, at least for a season, of a total of ten Home Missionary fields. Some of these fields will suffer hurt; others can stand lying off for a year or more. I will watch them carefully.

It has been necessary to add to our Home Missionary roll during the year four new fields, needing aid.

The year has revealed nothing special as to any sort of "revival power," but on all sides there has been a quickening spirit pervading scores of localities, and bringing into allegiance to the Lover of Souls helpful converts.

Future Prospects.—Opportunities for new churches and apparently good Congregational work occur weekly. The latest are from such centers as Trenton, New Jersey; Dover, Delaware; Norfolk, Virginia; Hunterville, Pennsylvania; Reading, Pennsylvania, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The invariable reply is: "No new work unless it be self-sustaining from the first." And yet Congregationalism is growing in spite of itself.

FLORIDA.

S. F. GALE, D.D., JACKSONVILLE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this State within the year have been \$705.15.

Twenty-five Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with forty-two churches and stations. Twenty-eight Sunday Schools report a membership of 1,116.

Superintendent Gale reports:

This statement, in addition to the statistical report for the twenty-third year of this superintendency, should note some of the features of the year.

It has been an exceptional year in respect to the missionary and pastoral service available for Florida. Had the apportionment of funds but been increased as much as it was reduced, the year manifestly would have been one of marked enlargement. The new churches organized and the opportunities necessarily declined argue the sure possibilities as to the favorable conditions on the field for a marked enlargement. It is well-nigh disheartening that retrenchment must rather be the order of the day.

It has been a year of material progress and prosperity for Florida generally. The chief cities all show a wonderful growth. Most sections of the State are showing a large increase of the population by immigration. A great gain has been made in the industrial developments. Commerce grows apace. Railroad building is very active. One railroad under rush orders is spanning the long line of Keys to reach Key West. Others are eagerly seeking all available or possible parts of the Gulf waters.

The most noteworthy feature which has specially and happily marked the year is its record of evangelistic work. The methods employed were in certain respects experimental, but proved very satisfactory and successful. It was sought to engage pastors and our home talent in a united, systematic and continuous effort amongst all the churches. Twenty-nine of the West Florida churches constituted the particular field. West Florida pastors, with the aid of Rev. H. B. Shaw, of Jacksonville, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Winslow, of Interlachen, and the Superintendent, in all, twenty evangelists, constituted the preaching force. The time employed extended from the 23d of June to about the 10th of September, though the program, when adopted, only covered the period of June 23 to August 16, fifty-five days of continuous and unrelaxed work.

On the former date an Evangelistic Conference convened for a four days' meeting. It was a full and representative conference. In committee of the whole was made a schedule of places and dates, and a group of three to five comrades made themselves responsible for the designated work at each place and date. The fight off Santiago may have been "the captains' fight"; this was emphatically "the comrades' fight" throughout the eight weeks. The Grand Rally at the end of that time was a very happy occasion. The review of the work was abundant cause for thanksgiving and joy. About one hundred united with the churches—some with those of other denominations—and many besides professed conversion. The churches all seemed much benefited. One result was the organization of the West Florida Evangelistic Association. And as this year closes, plans are on foot for more evangelistic work in the coming year. And the subject of evangelism seemed to take on new interest in the

South Florida Conference, as each of them, after discussion of the subject and prayerful consideration, appointed its evangelistic committee. A good work has thus been well begun; with the continued blessing of God upon it, the churches will surely find it a means of their enlargement and confirmation.

ALABAMA.

REV. A. T. CLARKE, FT. PAYNE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this State have been \$169.81.

Nine Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with ten churches and stations. Five Sunday Schools report a membership of 295.

Superintendent Clarke writes:

Our joy in Alabama has become an occasion of grief.

In 1890 we had one missionary; in 1891 five; in 1902, forty-eight. But the number has decreased in consequence of debt, until for the last year we report only fourteen, six of whom, owing to the "cut" of 1905, were not recommissioned under the reduced schedule for the year. These changes in the wrong direction have taken place under opportunities inviting and increasingly urgent to do our part in upbuilding the Kingdom in this Commonwealth. We have been humiliated by the debt and the conditions it has occasioned. Must we frankly say to the people, "We are not only unable to advance, we cannot even care properly for the work which has been given us to do."

There are several features of the work which are good and prophetic of good in the midst of present discouragement. They are of such a nature as to invite the prayerful interest and favorable consideration of Christian hearts. Taking a broad view of the field which has heretofore known the beneficent aims and fostering care of our Society, we see heroic souls continuing their labors under conditions of peculiar hardship. God has blessed them and He will bless! He has comforted their hearts with peculiar experiences of His presence and evidences of His power.

Revivals have occurred in every part of the State. Some of them have been of unusual power. New houses have been built for the praises of God's people. Old ones have been repaired. Seven churches have been organized. The collections for general denominational expenses have been largely increased. A number of congregations which do not know by experience the meaning of wealth, or even of generous competence—congregations which have sorely needed a helping hand, which has been withheld—have taken a larger collection for missions than ever before. The per cent. of growth in churches for more than ten years has been larger in Alabama than in any other Southern State. So the leavening influences of our faith and polity have been spreading in Alabama. The work has gone on in spite of obstacles. But several calls to organize the religious interests of communities in our way have been made in recent months to which the superintendent could not respond on account of the debt. Such calls are increasingly frequent and urgent. Many colonies of Northern immigrants, vast mining operations, colossal iron, steel and cotton

plants are rapidly putting Alabama towards the head of the list among the States which have been foremost in these principal lines of human endeavor.

What shall our part be in the marvelous transformations and inviting opportunities of Alabama?

In this connection Birmingham, the throbbing center of all the prodigious activity which has been indicated, should be mentioned. The heart of the present Superintendent went into the inauguration of this work three years ago, and under the magnificent leadership of Rev. George E. Bates, Pilgrim Church has been advancing in recent months to assured success.

GEORGIA.

F. E. JENKINS, D.D., ATLANTA, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this State within the year were \$520.24.

Thirty-two Missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fifty-one churches and stations. Twenty-one Sunday Schools report a membership of 1,139.

Superintendent Jenkins reports:

In spite of limited funds the work in Georgia has prospered. Ten new churches have been organized. Sixteen houses of worship have been built, including the fine, large structure of the Central Church, Atlanta; eight houses of worship have been built over and repaired; one new parsonage has been built and one very small one has been enlarged into a commodious and attractive residence. There have been revivals in nine churches and good work and steady results in others. The revival spirit is abroad and special efforts are planned all over the State for this summer. The summer months are our time for special meetings. Four churches have reached self-support and some of our new churches assume self-support from the beginning.

Opportunities and needs all over the State fairly oppress us. And how we need Home Missionary funds instead of debt! What a work we could do here for the Kingdom of God and for our nation, if we could enter all the open doors.

The building of the new house—simple, tasteful, large, imposing—of the Central Congregational Church in the central city of the South is felt for good and is giving new strength to our work all over the State, and beyond. Plymouth Church, Birmingham, Ala., has felt the effects of it and is aspiring to duplicate in Alabama the work of the Central Church in Georgia.

Piedmont College, at Demarest, is having a year of great success, and is fired with enthusiasm for its efforts to secure a \$300,000 endowment. President Campbell, in bed and in the care of a trained nurse from too great strain, does not lose hope, and Dean Newell is not disheartened by a thousand refusals, but pushes ahead, steadily gaining and ever declaring, "We are going to get it."

Atlanta Theological Seminary will graduate five students, and is receiving calls for more from the ocean to Texas. The Trustees have voted to sustain the President and Faculty in their efforts to secure an entering class of at least twenty-five promising men the coming term. They are needed now; they will be trebly needed when they graduate three years from this spring.

One word—please print it large—expresses the Home Missionary situation in Georgia—*Opportunity!*

MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

A. K. WRAY, D.D., CARTHAGE, MO., SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this district within the year have been \$2,591.

Twenty-eight Missionaries were employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty-one churches and stations. Twenty-two Sunday Schools report a membership of \$3,080.

Superintendent Wray says:

Because of our limited means we have almost entirely abandoned all rural work and much of the villages in the interest of the large cities. This course has been pursued with great reluctance because of the rapidly-developing country districts in large parts of the territory. Perhaps two-thirds of the newcomers are from the North and Northeast. Many of them come from Congregational churches and would cheerfully help in founding and fostering such churches in their new home, if they could be helped for the years while they are doing the first self-denying work of home making. The two great railroad systems that control practically all the commerce and travel of the Southwest are spending thousands of dollars in exploiting this country and making it easy for home seekers to visit with a view to settlement. I confidently believe that large sections of Missouri and Arkansas, as well as the Indian Territory, will double in population in the next decade. The Indian Territory, so soon to become a State, with its superb climate and boundless variety and quantity of resources, is inviting multitudes of people and unlimited capital. The constantly expanding mining industry invites men and money in ever-increasing quantity. Towns are springing up in a day. Cities like Kansas City, St. Joseph, Sedalia, Joplin, Springfield, are increasing by leaps and bounds.

The mere mention of these conditions suggests to the Christian workers a staggering problem. There is created an imperative demand for a large increase of workers and of means with which to support them and the work. The Congregational denomination ought to bear an important part in the conquest of this section for Christ. The Home Missionary Society, as its agent, could wisely use double its present amount of money. The number of our churches could be doubled in a few years.

CHANGES AND REMOVALS.

Rev. Jacob E. Meeker, who has done such splendid work in reviving the Church at Eldon, and who has supplied in addition the churches at Windsor and Meta most of the time, leaves at the end of his second year (May 1) to accept the large and responsible position of pastor of the Compton Hill Church of St. Louis. The position he leaves is one of commanding importance, and demands a high order of talent to fill it.

Rev. J. L. Ellis, of Second Church, Sedalia, for health considerations accepts a call to a Church in Colorado. Mr. Ellis has successfully led this Church in substantial growth and improvement. The house of worship has been much enlarged and the general equipment of the plant has been improved. The membership has been increased and every department of the work quickened. This is another place of importance. The city is growing rapidly, and especially in a section contiguous to our Church.

Rev. Eben Herbert, after over three years of earnest effort at Thayer,

Missouri, felt constrained to give up the work and accept a call to a larger work in Illinois. By removals the Church has been greatly reduced in membership and financial strength. After careful consideration, the State Committee decided to cease aiding the Church. The property is in good condition and consists of a house of worship and a parsonage. But the general outlook for the Church is discouraging.

SPECIAL PROGRESS.

Tabernacle, Kansas City.

This Church is closing the best year in its history. While the accessions have not been greater than in former years, the financial condition has been the best. More money was raised on the field than ever before. And had it not been for some special expenses, a long step toward self-support would have been taken. A splendid eight-room parsonage has been completed with the aid of \$500 from the Church Building Society. This will be a great help to the pastor, as it helps to concentrate all efforts in the Church and gives him a permanent home. The section of the city is occupied almost wholly with wage earners, and in all probability will never support a strong Church. But it has the largest and neediest parish in the city.

Prospect Avenue.

This Church has finished paying for its lot—\$2,000—and hopes to begin a new building during the present year. It worships at present in a hall on the second floor. The hall belongs to lodges and cannot be had for mid-week services. Hence, all services, except Sunday and the Sunday School, are held in homes of the parish. This is a great hindrance to the progress of the work.

Ivanhoe Park.

Here we are greatly hindered for the want of an adequate building. The audiences at regular services fill the house, and the Sunday School crowds the main floor and the now finished basement. We have the best pastor the Church has had in its history, but without better equipment his opportunity for the best work is limited.

Joplin.

This has been a marked year in the history of this Church. More have been received into its membership than that of any other Church in the State outside of St. Louis. The Church has awakened to real self-consciousness. It has come to feel that it has a distinct and important mission in this metropolis of all the Southwest. For five years the struggle to build has almost paralyzed the spiritual nerve. But to-day the spiritual tone is healthy and the evangelical spirit clearly manifest. But for a loan of about \$4,000 carried by private citizens, the finances would be sufficient to make the Church self-supporting. But this must be paid in regular installments, and in order to keep the reputation of the Church where it should be, the payments are promptly met. This debt is on a splendid parsonage, which had to be bought in order to secure the fine location and property which the Church occupies. The audiences are regular and really belong to the Church and its followers. The Sunday School has doubled and is one of the most efficient in the city.

Pilgrim, Springfield.

By special arrangements with a local Congregational minister, the Church assumes self-support for the coming year.

Vinita, I. T.

The membership of this Church has more than doubled in the two years of labor of the present pastor. The Sunday School has passed the hundred mark and a large Christian Endeavor has been organized, and is doing good work in the city by its fidelity to the higher ideals of life. Christian young men are not plentiful in this rushing, worldly town. A new Church building is an immediate necessity. During a recent Sunday spent with the Church many people were turned away for want of accommodations.

NEW WORK.

St. Joseph.

Wyatt Park Mission was organized as a Sunday School last June. The first sessions of the school were held under an apple tree. Finally, a one-room bakery was secured for the school. This was soon in demand for other purposes. A chapel became a necessity. The mother Church of the city (Tabernacle) took hold of the matter, and with the aid of some friends outside the city, secured a beautiful lot, and last December we dedicated a neat chapel, free of debt, for the use of the mission. The Sunday School has reached an enrollment of 107. The Tabernacle pastor not only takes general oversight of the Sunday School, but gives much time to the development of the parish. Preaching services are held during the week and special meetings are now in progress. A Church in the near future must be organized in this rapidly developing section. We have a large section all to ourselves.

Kansas City.

For a number of years the Tabernacle Church of this city has conducted what has been known as the Hope Sunday School. For the past two years the pastor of the Tabernacle Church has conducted regular preaching services one night of each week. The Sunday School has grown to be a strong one. A good chapel has been erected for it by the City Missionary Society of the city. In December, 1905, a call was made for the organization of a Church. After a thorough canvass of the neighborhood, I thought it wise to comply with the request. A temporary organization, with 37 charter members, was effected. Services are still conducted by the pastor of the Tabernacle Church. It is the plan to place students on these two important fields during the summer.

Another Sunday School which has been organized by the State Superintendent in another section of the city has already outgrown its quarters and is asking to be organized into a Church. I have, in company with the Sunday School superintendent and the pastor of Tabernacle Church, made a canvass of still another section where we shall, perhaps, take steps toward the organization of a mission very soon. In Joplin, and also in Springfield, there is a chance for organizing missions.

Pastor Pershing, of Vinita, has been holding services twice a month in

Kelso, a growing village six miles from Vinita. An organization with perhaps twelve or fifteen members could be made here. There is not another Church in the village.

Pastor Tingle, of Gentry, Arkansas, has supplied a neighborhood some five miles from Gentry, and a Church of several members could be organized there. I have advised him to organize them, but have them place their membership for the present with the Gentry Church. There is no Church within reach of the community.

I mention these facts to show what we might do, if we were financially equipped. These are only a few points among the many.

OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

REV. J. H. PARKER, KINGFISHER, OKLA., SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this missionary district have been \$895.80.

Forty-five Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fifty-seven churches and stations. Thirty-seven Sunday Schools report a membership of 2,166.

Superintendent Parker writes:

For nearly seventeen years have I labored in Oklahoma under the direction of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, and it is with no slight degree of sadness that I contemplate the severance of those ties. Gray hairs and a slower step have come to me in this service. It has been a great joy to be used of the Master in this foundation laying. As the duties of superintendent are transferred to other shoulders, my sincere prayer is that the mother Society may be freed from the debt shackles which have hobbled her in her goings for these years and that my successor may have the privilege of entering some of the many fields waiting for and wanting our free polity and Pilgrim faith. May her many sons and daughters the land over speak freedom to her out of their pocketbooks, and command an advance, supported by more fervent prayers and lively sympathies! The new State of Oklahoma (to be) will be more than ever fruitful ground for our Church planting in the eastern (Indian Territory) portion.

In the older portion the work that needs especial emphasis is in our larger towns. Men who can command a hearing and will stay to win it, and who can, Spirit led, unite the non-sectarians, often the most intelligent, elements into a working force, are needed in these centers. They cannot live on air or prospects, but must be supported to do this foundation work. One great difficulty has been to find such men with a real missionary spirit and then to hold them to the difficult and heroic service. "Grit and grace" are needed here, and "greenbacks" in New York.

In view of the debt we have sought to economize even to blood-drawing in the administration of the funds, and to push the churches to most generous giving. The response on the whole has been very gratifying, as the final figures for Oklahoma will show.

The spiritual interest throughout the Territory has been slowly but surely on the increase. No sweeping revivals have been recorded, but growth by confession of faith is marked in a good many places.

Removals keep the pastors on the anxious seat. The settling of the western

portions of Oklahoma with bona fide homesteaders where cattlemen have held the domain, and the opening of the Indian Territory to farm occupation, mineral development, and town building, have called many restless spirits to new scenes. Some churches which have had encouraging additions during the year have scarcely held their own on account of these depletions. If we had churches where they locate, the loss would not be to the denomination, as it too often is under the present conditions.

I cannot close without mention of the splendid work of our college and academies. No truer missionaries are doing service for God and humanity than the teachers in these institutions, and no better subjects of the State and the Kingdom can be found than the young women and men trained under these hallowed influences.

There is no better place to develop the high and heroic qualities in Christian workers than this Southwest, or where better results can be obtained for the Kingdom of God. Congregationalism has her work marked out for her by Providence, and she pleads for the consecrated men and money to meet these obligations.

ST. LOUIS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PROF. F. A. HALL, ST. LOUIS, SUPERINTENDENT. LEWIS E. SNOW, TREASURER,
ST. LOUIS.

Superintendent Hall writes:

The enthusiastic work done in most of our mission Churches during the past year has greatly encouraged the Society.

Both Union Church and Olive Branch Church have had fires within the past few months, but both Churches are now in better condition than they have been for years. It is especially creditable that the members of these two Churches raised quite large sums of money to make improvements which add to the attractiveness and usefulness of their buildings. Both Churches have wide-awake young men's clubs, and during the winter the Young Men's Club of Olive Branch Church, under the direction of Rev. Philip Yarrow, have had a series of lectures relative to literary topics and municipal questions. Both Churches show quite an increase of membership.

Reber Place Church deserves much praise for the splendid illustration it affords of what people, even in very moderate circumstances, can do when really devoted to a cause. Under the guidance of Rev. Earl Hewson, the Church has completed its buildings and has assumed self-support. There has been marked growth the past year in every department of the organization and the people are thoroughly in earnest.

Memorial Church is steadily pushing its effort to pay for a new lot much more favorably located than the one now occupied, and Rev. William Smith confidently expects to have a commodious, substantial building erected upon the new location at no distant day.

One of the most promising openings for missionary work is that now carried on under the name "Greenwood Chapel," located about one mile south of the Church of the Covenant at Maplewood. At present a flourishing Sunday School is conducted there with occasional preaching. Whether it will be deemed wise

to undertake to develop a Church out of the enterprise has not yet been seriously discussed. It is the only religious organization in a rapidly growing community of about fifteen hundred people.

In only two points of our mission field is there any cause for disappointment, and we are hoping that even these difficulties may be adjusted, so that progress may be reported at a later date.

We feel much encouraged upon the whole at the outlook for missionary work in our midst and only wish that funds were at our disposal so that we could enlarge our efforts in places really calling for effective service in the Master's cause.

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

REV. LUTHER REES, PARIS, TEXAS, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this missionary district have been \$709.80.

TEXAS.—Nine Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with twenty-three churches and stations. Seventeen Sunday Schools report a membership of 818.

LOUISIANA.—Four Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixteen churches and stations. Ten Sunday Schools report a membership of 400.

INDIANA.

E. D. CURTIS, D.D., INDIANAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State within the year have been \$1,745.10.

Twenty Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with twenty-five churches and stations. Twenty-one Sunday Schools report a membership of 1,736.

Superintendent Curtis says:

A careful review of the year must include, in addition to the regular routine of faithful and efficient service, much of unusual interest, in revivals of religion, merging and consolidation of churches, building operations of note and overtures respecting the Macedonian calls which, especially from the southward, stimulate missionary enterprise.

CONGREGATIONAL LEAVEN WORKING.

The work in Indiana shows a steady forward movement. The momentum is increasing. The unique constructive forces attending the Society's efforts are more intelligently viewed by editors, teachers and religious workers. The Society is better understood and is rapidly gaining in popular appreciation. Often genuine concern for its welfare and progress is manifested by leaders in social and public life. There is a quicker and more suave recognition of its history, progress and achievements and a hospitality and place accorded its representatives quite unknown in the past.

HIGHER MORAL VALUATION.

With wisdom, foresight and economy, as well as with patriotic purpose and splendid Christian optimism, the Society has sent into this, the most southern in type of all the interior northern States, its picked missionaries and supplied the necessary initial and administrative expenses. These men have laid firm

foundations for a distinct and enlarging Congregational fellowship. Bringing the Gospel, as it has, to the destitute, the Society has likewise bestowed and augmented the constructive forces of citizenship. In just proportions the zeal of its workers has been mixed with knowledge. They have propagated an intelligent faith, comprehensive of the winnowed experiences and higher ethical and spiritual values of the authoritative creeds of the past; of the growing power of the personality of Jesus in relationship to the life of the Spirit and the candid acceptance of valid criticism in the lower ranges of thought and belief. It has brought into existence a number of responsible, well-ordered and free local congregations trained to take their places in the vanguard of the religious hosts of the State and nation.

APPLIED CONGREGATIONALISM.

And now in a number of important and strategic centers of population, including the city which combines commercial supremacy with the dignities of the capital of the commonwealth, there are vigorous churches formed after the Pilgrim model, that appeal for the supremacy of the conscience in the moral life of man; for the full revelation of the motive element in human activities; for a more thorough and intense discernment of spiritual values and for a vital belief in an open and final personal judgment. Only those cognizant of former conditions and of the obstacles to be overcome and of the measureless difficulties besetting the labor of elevating life's ideals into consistent religious and social standards, can appreciate the priceless value of this successful intermixture of the pilgrim and puritan leaven in the life of the great commonwealth.

It is gratifying to record favorable results and to renew confidence in and admiration for the Congregational Home Missionary Society and its noble work. From feeble beginnings, churches have been nursed and fostered into self-reliance and strength and power with God and man. Well equipped, adequate, centrally-located edifices have taken the places of the meager quarters and cheap temporary structures which housed the beginnings. Ministers of high training, ability and energy have been raised up of God, who are stimulating ethical endeavor, outlining methods of enthusiastic service, developing far-reaching plans and organizing a comprehensive Congregational fellowship; a fellowship which generates spontaneous activity and promises rapid expansion along lines of Congregational prestige, "Esprit du Corps," and denominational influence.

THE MERGER IN OPERATION.

The work has been strengthened this year by various consolidations and grouping of churches and mission fields. This policy has materially lessened demands upon the treasury of the Society and encouraged the growth of vigorous and zealous loyalty and sacrifice on the part of the home workers.

At Fort Wayne the merging of the South Church with Plymouth has been satisfactorily consummated and the original grant of \$1,000 has been returned to the Congregational Church Building Society.

In May, 1905, at the General Association in Michigan City, the Temple Congregational Church of Marion was received into fellowship. This Church of 250 members with an influential constituency, possessing a house of worship of some \$35,000 property valuation, had contributed to the spiritual needs of its home city for more than sixty years. Steps were at once taken to lease the

smaller edifice of the North Congregational Church to the United Brethren and practically unite the denominational forces in Marion in the Temple work and worship. Demands on the Society's Treasury have ceased, but the financial merger has not as yet been effected. The Temple Church is to entertain the General Association May 1-3, 1906. This will afford opportunity to confirm the last year's hearty vote and reception into fellowship, by appropriate recognition and greetings.

The North Church in Indianapolis, during its brief life, has developed a relatively large number of trained and enthusiastic workers among the young people and children. In view of the relocation of both Plymouth and Mayflower northward, following the natural trend of population, North Church, which could not well pay an adequate salary without home missionary aid, has, after being served by the Superintendent as temporary pastor for nearly two months, liquidated the floating indebtedness and united formally in worship with Plymouth Church.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND UP-BUILDING.

The Shipshewana Church, united in a mission field with Ontario, and which from the beginning has occupied a fitted-up school house, has dedicated its new and adequate \$4,000 building; \$700 grant came from the C. C. B. S. to pay last bills. A revival added 19 to the membership.

Indianapolis missionary advance is marked in the east, south and west sections of the city. Covenant had under way the main auditorium and adjacent rooms and a chapel for the Garfield Park branch. With institutional and social features that reach all ages and classes the work is being prosecuted with energy and success. Accumulated indebtedness has been wiped out, many improvements have been made in the part of the plant now ready for use, over 100 added to membership, a free library installed and the parish organized for efficient effort. The location near the Winona Technical Institute affords special opportunity for usefulness and the parish is a wide one. The Garfield Park branch supplies a needy section of the extreme south end with the means of grace. This, too, in time, may develop into an adequate Church.

People's Church has been the scene of almost continuous evangelistic meetings. For months the Young Men's League of the city held meetings in the vestry. Three hundred is the estimated number of conversions. Thirty-six united here, but the greater number joined churches near their homes, of various names. Depressed by removals and the great change in the character of the surrounding population, the Church came to the wise conclusion to direct its services and methods to direct evangelistic work. It is already a power for good, and confidence and enthusiasm have returned.

Trinity in the south division is securing subscriptions and perfecting plans for putting a new and handsome Church on its present site. It has had a successful year.

Brightwood has put off some old debts and made slow gains. The Sunday School and evening congregations are good. It has a constituency of railroad and shop people and the men are frequently called out on the Sabbath. Union is maintaining itself well and has some earnest workers.

THE CHURCHES OF THE GAS BELT.

These organizations have manifested great fidelity under difficulties and are now on the up-grade. They are grateful to the Society for so nobly coming to their aid. A prime factor in their success in holding their ground has been the excellent locations originally secured in the various cities and the substantial houses of worship erected thereon at the outset of their work. Several of these buildings rank first-class in their respective communities and local pride and sympathy come to the aid of the struggling membership.

To the Congregational Church Building Society is due this fortunate condition of affairs. Its funds carefully yet generously loaned these churches, have accomplished direct missionary work, because the superior character of the sites and buildings gave vantage ground for the salutary and remedial assistance of the Home Missionary Society. Remarkable revivals have occurred at Elwood, Ridgeville, Fairmont and Portland. Alexandria is extinguishing the last remnants of the building debt. Anderson has proved loyal to a faithful pastor and Dunkirk has gained in congregations and finance. The pastors are each of them doing splendid service. They are true heroes in the mission field. They have the gift of continuance and their influence and usefulness increase from year to year. These brethren know by experience that the Society has proved a sure support and strength.

THE CALUMET FIELD.

Several years since, the Superintendent thought he saw a large religious opportunity in the movement of factories and population into the Calumet region at the head of Lake Michigan. Considerable time and money went into the initial exploration and organization work. Several churches have now a sure foothold. Of the six organizations in Lake County, two, East Chicago and Whiting, are self-supporting, with pastors. Two, Hobart and Ross, depend upon the services of students from Chicago Institute. Miller is served by the Porter pastor and Hammond, a Church organized about the same time, is still aided in support of a resident pastor, with a mission chapel and an outlying station. Recent developments consequent upon the establishment of large industrial works, pre-eminently those of the United States Steel Company indicate that the entire district is to grow in population with great ratios of increase. There is little doubt that it is eventually to be one of Indiana's largest centers of population.

LOYALTY TO HOME MISSIONS.

The energies of churches in the State are necessarily centered in early life on the conditions and needs of local permanence, but from the start pedagogical influences are set to work to develop their interest and gifts in the larger general work of the Society. Occasionally among the newly gathered members are those who know something of the great and noble work accomplished by it, and who love it with an ardent devotion. There is a wealth of personal influence, loyalty to its mission and fidelity to its undertakings, which trails along after the early laborers associated with its progress rest from their labors. Its reputation is truly national in scope and the Congregational or "American" Home Missionary Society, to use a popular phrase, is a name to "conjure with."

even in Indiana. Thus God rewards earnest service by bestowing on its votaries cumulative influence and power for good. The Spirit is stirring the churches to greater responsibility for the Society's work and a resolution recommending a stated amount per member, each year, was adopted in May, 1905, by the General Association.

RADIATING INFLUENCE.

There is, perhaps, a larger interchange of thought and life with the South in Indiana, than in any other northern State. This runs back and forth along the lines of the earlier immigration and is an interesting factor in expansion. Recently overtures looking to the establishment of Congregational churches have come from two of the largest unoccupied cities of the Ohio Valley. The wise and progressive development of our fellowship in Indiana cannot but result in making it increasingly an "open door" to extension of our principles and polity in the new South.

SOUTHERN IDAHO, UTAH, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, NEVADA.

JOHN D. KINGSBURY, D.D., SALT LAKE CITY, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this missionary district within the year have been \$1,805.06.

Thirty-two Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with forty-three churches and stations. Thirty Sunday Schools report a membership of 2,611.

Superintendent Kingsbury reports:

SOUTHERN IDAHO AND EASTERN OREGON.

THE FORCE.

Only eighteen men. The number should have been increased threefold. They are taking the water from Smoke River at Twin Falls. Great ditches carry it for eighty miles. Cities have grown up in the desert. The sagebrush is disappearing and in its place alfalfa, three crops a year, and wheat and fruit and gardens and villages and populous realms are appearing on the rich plains.

Our force is not large enough to meet the emergency. The cry is still "More money, more men."

THE RESULTS OF THE WORK.

Faithful work has brought results. Even where conditions have not been favorable the promise has been fulfilled, "My word shall not return unto me void."

The main point down in our camp, the mill, burned at the mission point, but the missionary stayed at Gibbonsville, and the report is made: "We have never had such spiritual meetings; our work was never more productive."

THE EXPANSION.

One of the most natural results of good work is its extension into regions beyond. Challis goes over into the valley of Pahsimaroi and out into the camps of Caster and Clayton and gathers congregations and Sabbath Schools. Boise

goes over to the "bench." New Plymouth takes in the whole valley. Council preaches the Gospel at Indian Valley and Middle Fork and White schoolhouse and the Meadows. Are these any results?

You should go over the thirty miles which the missionary has traveled so long. The snow is six feet deep, soft, slumpy, and a treacherous path at the best. When we meet a team there is a heroic and masterful work with the floundering horses, struggling, leaping and turning again in the deep snow.

We come to Meadows. The missionary has preached there for years. Now the work is large. The people come in throngs. The great congregation overfills the largest hall and a large company of converts are ready to enter into covenant. The Church is established. There is great joy. A pastor is to live with them. Meadows has joined the sisterhood of churches.

NEW DEMANDS.

A railroad plunges through Eastern Oregon. Vast areas are opened. Ontario is the terminal. Our Church is there. It feels the impulse. It is awakening to new life. The energy of the Church must keep pace with the new life of the city and the realm.

Pearl was a little camp when we began. It is large. The Church is in a growing center. Mountain Home is happy in the promised irrigation, and the new houses are going up and the work of the Church is full of hope. Huntington must be strongly supported that it may go again into the "hill country" with its free Gospel. The work prospers. God is with us and all is well if we only have the treasury full that we may send the men with God's blessing into all the wide opening realms.

UTAH AND NEVADA.

The gaze of the world is turned toward Utah. No one questions the need of mission work. Many are asking the question: "What can be done for Utah?"

THE CONDITIONS.

There is no doubt as to the history of the wretched past leading up to the present conditions in the environment of sin. The people have been hoodwinked by teachers who have set forth an idea of God which is grossly materialistic, low and sensual, but so forgetful of His eternal truth and justice, that He reveals His will through an apostleship of twelve men, in which nine of the twelve are living in the pollutions of polygamy. They have been led to believe a system of doctrine which, in its practical results, destroys the sanctity of marriage, the purity of home, the beauty and glory of motherhood; and dethrones character, love, virtue, truth, loyalty, and puts in their places the consuming passion of an evil lust. This is what inheres in the system, and social life in Utah gives fearful testimony to the evil working of teaching and doctrine and example.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We have churches that are thronged in Salt Lake City. We have an increasing Gentile population rising in protest throughout the State. We have mining camps where earnest churches gather children and youth and large congregations, and teach the truth of God and the everlasting Gospel of His

Son. We have schools at Salt Lake and Provo and Bountiful and Coalville and Lehi and Heber and Vernal, where seven hundred and eighty-five pupils are instructed in science and established in virtue; and every one of these pupils will become a teacher of truth and will carry light into home and society and the State. We have taken long travels over the desert, into the beautiful valley of the Ashly, a hundred and twenty miles from railroads, into the heart of Mormondom, and we have preached the Gospel and planted the Church and the school, and the result shows what is possible with the help of God.

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.

We have Vernal, where the people listen to the Gospel and are converted and come to confess Christ Jesus our Lord at every Communion. They have built a costly house of God and paid for it. They have given largely for the support of the pastor. They have given liberally to every benevolent society, and a gift for the missionary debt so large that it is an example to all churches, East and West. They have helped to build and equip a Christian school which numbers one hundred and twenty pupils. Vernal! Youngest daughter of our Church in Utah! She has received the light of the Gospel and is already bearing the light of the truth to all the beautiful valley.

OUR METHOD.

We do not attack We never antagonize. We go with the Word of our Lord. We tell the story of Jesus Christ our Lord. We speak to the needs of the sinful, needy heart. We tell of the peace and blessing and comfort of the message of our Father's love. We go confident in the assurance of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. We carry the Bible and worship and the doctrines of faith and love and penitence which lead to loyalty in devotion, and the result is a transformed life. God is able to overcome all human perversions of truth. He gives us power over all lies. The churches of Utah are illuminating the darkness of blind belief in error, and through them God is breaking the shackles of fanatical superstition and destroying the power of a polluted heirarchy.

NEVADA.

This is our neglected child. Our Church at Reno has bravely come to self-support and has plead in vain for help to plant other churches that might give needful fellowship. The rivers have been turned from their courses into great reservoirs to water the rich desert and make it blossom and bring forth fruit. The stream of population flows into the realms reclaimed, but we have given them no Gospel. Rich mines have attracted the multitudes and built great cities, and the intrushing railroads have made haste to bear the rich treasure and do the work of that internal commerce which has brought Nevada to the front as one of the chief factors in the progress of the new century. One faithful missionary in the south, unaided and alone, has established the Gospel in Searchlight and made the camp true to its name, sending the light abroad. Goldfield has plead for help to build a Church for those of our membership—but has plead in vain.

We can no longer neglect Nevada. The time has fully come when her camps in the mining districts and her reclaimed valleys—reclaimed and pros-

perous—must be taken into our plan of benevolence. The coming year will witness still greater advance in wealth and population, in the growth of cities, in the increase of people in the fruitful country; and the year will witness the missionaries of the Cross, heralds of the Gospel, and we will establish a score of churches in Nevada.

NEW MEXICO.

The Territory of New Mexico would furnish matter for an inspiring report if there were support for the missionaries called for by the opening fields.

The Pecos Valley is a fascinating country, with fruit and grain and alfalfa, and has a large and rapidly growing population.

Villages are springing up which call on us in vain to give them the Gospel.

The Carrizosa Valley, the country along the Northeastern and Santa Fe Central Railroads and the great coal regions of the north and the central mining camps all need the Gospel.

Our work among the Spanish-speaking people is most interesting. The results are encouraging. Our own native preacher goes from house to house in his circuit work and crowds of people listen to his faithful preaching. General Missionary Heald is doing the work of two strong men. The Mexican villages in New Mexico have a hundred thousand people. Their religion is half heathen. Their celebration of Passion Week is filled with brutal self-torture. They are ruled by lust and sin and terrorized by strange, fanatical and fantastic superstition.

When fatal diphtheria carries away (as it so often does) one-fourth of the population, they expose themselves and their children to the fatal poison, saying, "If God's time has come we cannot hinder it." But they are easily approached. They welcome the preacher. They are suffering from a hundred years of false teaching.

Nothing can reach them and uplift them but the Gospel of our Lord. They are as needy as the people of the Dark Continent.

God's children in darkness and sin and guilt. They live in our Christian land. Why should we not give them the Gospel? When will our churches learn that the heathen of our own country need the Gospel? Must have the Word of Life or continue in sin and passion and vice and die unsaved?

They live in adobe houses, exactly like the houses of Palestine. The adobe brick is made in the same way as the Hebrews made it in Egypt. A hole is dug in the earth, the adobe is mixed with water, trodden with the naked feet, chopped straw added and formed into blocks 18 x 10 inches and 4 inches thick, dried in the sun, then laid up with adobe mortar, and a flat roof spread over with earth.

The appearance of the little city is quite oriental. If these cities were two thousand miles over the sea, or in the great Pacific Ocean, our gifts would abound. Men and women with the spirit of sacrifice would go to them. The Church would melt into tears of sympathy, and gold would pour into the treasury of God and the Gospel would be given to them freely. When will our churches know that we have heathen at home? Their condition wretched and sorrowful, their cry heart-rending, their lives hopeless, and without the Gospel they are lost.

Let there be quick responses. Thousands—tens of thousands of dollars for New Mexico—blinded, burdened, enslaved by sin. Bring in the offerings—freewill offerings—for the help of God's Spanish-speaking children in the adobe-walled villages, in the valleys and on the Mesas and mountains of New Mexico.

ARIZONA.

THE ONLY ENLARGEMENT.

Prescott, dedicating its beautiful house of worship and happy in the new and costly Sabbath home, is not satisfied to worship God in selfish luxury. There is a new smelter town with its neighboring camps. The Gospel must be given to the people there. A missionary is employed. A congregation is gathered. A new Church will be formed. Prescott and Jerome will have fellowship in the new Church.

Tombstone sends its pastor over the deserts to the ranches and to the mining camps. He preaches in the jail. The little Church which we planted four years ago has become a light to all the surrounding country.

One result is a new Church at Pearsa, where the people rejoice, entering gladly into covenant with each other and with God.

These enlargements are delightful and encouraging and all churches should develop and enlarge by this natural expansion.

THE OPPORTUNITY.

We ought to have a force in the Salt River Valley.

The Tonto basin is to have a dam 245 feet high, making a lake 20 miles long.

That reclaimed valley will grow the orange and lemon and figs and almonds and olives and great fields of alfalfa and wheat.

The multitudes are coming. They need the Gospel. The wastes are to blossom as the rose. The water of Heaven reclaims the desert. There is water enough for every needy realm. So the water of life is abundant, and gives the privilege of bearing it to the deserts of sin.

Let us go into the Globe country, into the wider realms of Cochisi, into Phoenix and the lower Colorado and the valley of the Verde and into the wide mining camps with the Gospel of the Kingdom.

We should send a score of missionaries into Arizona.

MINNESOTA.

GEORGE R. MERRILL, D.D., MINNEAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT.

The net receipts from this State have been \$8,639.49.

Eighty-five Missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with one hundred and thirteen churches and stations. Eighty-six Sunday Schools report a membership of 4,905.

Superintendent Merrill reports:

In beginning my review of the year in Minnesota, I must be allowed to set down my grateful appreciation of the sympathetic and fraternal way in which the Executive Committee and the Secretary have dealt with the work in this State; the entire freedom of plan and execution, within the necessary limits, that have been conceded to me, and the readiness with which all proper

requests have had attention and response. While in the situation my own problems have been sufficiently difficult, I realize somewhat the multiplied burden that has been upon you, and relieve myself, at least, by saying so.

I confess that it is a wonder to me that, with our appropriation so reduced, it has been possible to have the work go on with the efficiency and success that have marked the year.

Of course we have added few new churches; there was no money with which to take care of them. Some have organized themselves in spite of me. I doubt, however, if in recent years there has been a larger number of new fields occupied by our missionaries than in that just closing. There has been an unusual readiness on the part of men to take up outstation work, and the labors of the General Missionaries have been most abundant. One of these, Rev. C. B. Fellows, has been much in connection with evangelistic work, but along with this has carried several fields that otherwise we should have been obliged to relinquish. The reduction of the appropriation made it impossible to make any provision for a General Missionary in the territory of the Northern Pacific Conference, and the work that had been previously planted there would, very much of it, have perished, and the new communities that are springing up along the hundreds of miles of new railways would have been lost to us, but for the kindly intervention of Mr. Arthur P. Stacy, a member of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, by whose generous gift it became possible to put Rev. H. P. Fisher into this work. Mr. Fisher's services have been of the highest value. Others have, by the breadth of their service and their genuine missionary spirit, done much to save the situation in the year.

Along with all, there have been gracious influences of the Holy Spirit felt all over the field. Not alone in the communities I have felt authorized to name as having enjoyed revivals, but throughout the State there are very few communities where the saving grace of God has not, in an unwonted measure, been revealed to men.

In the last five years we have seen omens and presages of a new Minnesota that was surely coming, and now it is upon us; a region as promising as needy, and destined to be the seat of as great a population as the old Minnesota, in which the Society has been working for fifty years. Minnesota could well enough take care of the Minnesota which has become known so well at the rooms in New York.

But it is facing the new Minnesota, which presents practically the same needs as did the old Minnesota when the Society made appropriations of \$23,000 and \$24,000 for it, to find itself asked to suggest a schedule by which what remains of the old work and the whole of this new work with its insistence can be planned for on a basis of \$9,000.

The two great cities of the State in their increase are offering us to-day four splendid opportunities for planting churches, into which for two years we ought to put \$1,000 a year for each. What are we to do? Ten years ago we led among the churches in the aggressiveness and strength of our missionary work; now we are third, or perhaps fourth, in the measure of our work, and the general impression is that we may be expected to go out of business altogether.

In the closing months of the year much effort has been given to getting the exact situation, the burden of the debt and the necessity of its removal, before

the people. It is too soon to be sure of the result, but I am hopeful that there will be a response, which, when the condition and obligations of our churches are considered, will not leave them convicted of ingratitude to the Society for the help of the years past.

NEBRASKA.

HARMON BROSS, D.D., LINCOLN, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions within the year have been \$6,635.11.

Seventy Missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with one hundred and four churches and stations. Seventy-nine Sunday Schools report a membership of 4,750.

Superintendent Bross writes:

The number of churches served in our English-speaking work has been 78, with 36 outstations. These fields have been manned by 70 workers, nearly all of them ordained ministers. There is a slight decrease in the number of fields and workers, as a number of churches have reached self-support, and the reduced apportionment for the State has made it exceedingly difficult for some fields to raise a sufficient amount, supplemented by the small apportionment from the Home Missionary Society, to support a pastor. Four or five of these neglected fields are now nearly extinct. Our opportunity in these communities has been lost.

Four churches have been organized during the year, all of them in communities where no churches of any denomination existed. While two of these have been connected with self-supporting churches and so have not called for aid this year, all of them are the direct outgrowth of our Home Missionary work. Two of them were developed from outstations and in connection with evangelistic meetings held by our general missionary, Rev. N. L. Packard.

The way is prepared for the organization of three or four more, and many others could be added if men and means were available. We have fewer vacant churches than one year ago, but there remains the same difficulty of securing good pastors for our frontier fields.

The principal feature of interest during the year has been the decided progress toward self-support. The vigor with which the trustees of the Nebraska Home Missionary Society and the members of the Advisory Board have pushed the enterprise and the hearty responses of the churches indicate that self-support will come with our Jubilee meeting the early days of May. The unique movement among our prominent laymen through the Laymen's Association has given impetus to the work. The meeting of 1905 was one of so much interest and promise that at the meeting of last month a permanent organization was effected and the men at the head of it mean to push it in the interests of the Kingdom. It does much to promote leadership among laymen in our prominent churches.

In the near prospect of self-support it seemed wise to me to announce early that upon the assumption of self-support for the State I would turn over the work to other hands. The churches have certainly been divinely guided in the selection of so efficient and consecrated a leader as Rev. S. I. Hanford, now pastor of our Church at Weeping Water. All his ministry has been passed in our State; he was faithful in frontier work, and his Weeping Water Church is now one of the strongest in the State.

This report gives me opportunity to express my hearty appreciation of the work of the Home Missionary Society in our Commonwealth, and of the pleasant fraternal relations that have always existed between the New York office and myself. Soon after my coming to Nebraska to take charge of the Church at Crete in August, 1873, I was made chairman of the Home Missionary Committee for the local Association, and upon the organization of our State Home Missionary Society, nearly twenty-three years ago, I was elected one of the directors and was continually in service until my appointment as Superintendent. Twenty-two years ago the first of last February I left my pastorate in Crete to serve as general missionary for Northern Nebraska, and the work soon developed into Wyoming and the Black Hills. In December, 1889, I entered upon the superintendency of the State with headquarters at Lincoln.

I have thus been identified with our Home Missionary work in Nebraska for nearly thirty-three of its fifty years of history. Of the 210 churches we now have in Nebraska, all of them but perhaps three or four have been organized and cared for by the dear old Home Missionary Society. We have now a membership of about 16,000, with nearly \$1,000,000 of church and parsonage property, and we are facing the privilege and responsibility of self-support with gratitude toward the friends of Home Missions who have helped us, and with faith and courage to attempt great things for the future.

NORTH DAKOTA.

REV. G. J. POWELL, FARGO, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State within the year have been \$2,155.81.

Fifty-one Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with ninety-nine churches and stations. Seven churches have been organized. Seventy-six Sunday Schools report a membership of 2,928.

Superintendent Powell reports:

More miles of railroad were built in this State last year than in any of the other States of the Union. Some sixty new towns were started and over a hundred banks. The population is increasing rapidly, and the wealth of the State multiplying with surprising rapidity.

Notwithstanding a severe reduction in the apportionment for our work, our churches increased eight. Many of our churches have cheerfully accepted the whole burden of support and others have accepted reduced grants. Our work, like the growing boy, has continued to increase, even though the missionary finances would not continue to cover great areas of its increase.

We have had fewer changes of ministers than usual.

Our oldest churches in North Dakota celebrate their twenty-fifth birthdays this year. At this quarter centennial of our work, we can count a hundred and forty churches with nearly five thousand members. This twenty-fifth year records a gain over the previous year of forty per cent. in membership, and nearly as great a gain in benevolences.

With the great tide of immigration into the Canadian Northwest, carrying settlement nearly as far to the north of us as Texas lies to the south, our State is thereby left as the center of the North American English-speaking people.

Three transcontinental railroads cross our State with their rapidly-multiplying branches.

We shall be ready to use to large advantage increased grants for church planting when the Treasury of the Home Missionary Society shall be cured of its present leanness.

Over fifty of our churches are as yet unhoused, and many of our pastors live in hired houses. There is much to be done and some years to cross before we shall get beyond the stage of pioneering.

More than in most States, perhaps, the results thus far secured are to be credited to the Home Missionary Society, for only one of our churches has been without its grants.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

W. HEBBERT THRALL, D.D., HURON, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this State within the year have been \$2,427.38.

Seventy-two Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with ninety-three churches and stations. Eighty-two Sunday Schools report a membership of 5,373.

Superintendent Thrall writes:

To understand the burdens which rest upon the Home Missionary Society in a State like South Dakota it is well for us to bear it in our minds repeatedly that South Dakota is a young community; that there are no great cities in our Commonwealth, the largest to-day being Sioux Falls, with some 12,000 inhabitants; that the State is a large district some four hundred miles by two hundred miles, and that the oldest Church is scarcely more than a quarter of a century old, and that probably the first Church building costing more than \$10,000 was the \$25,000 building dedicated at our last State Association at Yankton.

When I assumed my present office there were but five self-supporting churches among the English-speaking churches. This year it is my privilege to report six churches as having come to self-support during the year 1905-06, making a total of twenty-eight self-supporting churches, besides those among the German and Dakota churches which will very soon, as suggested elsewhere, be increased to thirty-five.

That we may have a clearer understanding of this district as a Home Missionary field, it is well for us to bear in mind that, while the financial interests of South Dakota are on the rise, the number of cities of more than 1,000 inhabitants would to-day probably not reach twenty-five in number and that there are more than nine, or at the most ten, whose population is more than 2,000; and, as South Dakota has sixty-two counties, and not quite all of the cities of more than 1,000 inhabitants are county-seats, the majority of the county-seat towns—that is, the most influential towns in the various counties in this new State—are what would seem in the Eastern States to be small villages. And yet these county-seat villages are doing much to determine the character of large areas. For example, Highmore, with less than four hundred inhabitants, is the county-seat of a county of twenty-four townships of thirty-six square miles each; and Ipswich, with less than four hundred inhabitants, is the county-seat of a county of thirty-two townships, or 1,032 square miles, about the same size as the State of Rhode Island. Geddes is perhaps the leading town in a county where there is about the same area, and there was not at the latest report a town of fourteen hundred inhabitants in the county.

All these counties east of the Missouri have been opened to settlement for more than twenty years and do not bring up the problems for new work which are now opening to us west of the Missouri, where, for instance, our Church at Belle Fourche is in a town which is the county-seat of a county largely without population which has about the same area as Massachusetts, and which is a level agricultural country, with a large United States irrigation canal just being constructed in the midst of it.

To make somewhat clear the problems for new work, quite largely west of the Missouri River, which are now for the first time in any large measure opening to us for solution, I send herewith a Government map of the State of South Dakota with some of the railroads which are building, or are being projected, indicated upon it. From this map it will be seen that the extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad is under construction from Chamberlain almost directly west to Rapid City.

Chamberlain is one hundred and forty-seven miles by rail from the eastern State boundary, and two hundred and fifteen miles by rail from Rapid City, and the west line of our State is some forty-two miles beyond Rapid City. Thus it may be easily seen by a casual observer that much more than one-half of the area of our State is west of the Missouri River, the great bulk of which territory has, until now, been given up to large cattle ranges.

The railroads are now pushing across this expanse, racing with each other westward from Pierre and from Chamberlain to Rapid City. As already mentioned, a large United States irrigation project is being pushed in Butte and Mead counties, northeast of the Black Hills. A third railroad is being projected to be carried out in the not distant future, as a part of a transcontinental line from Evarts due west into Montana. Eight hundred miles of the grade of this road have been let to a Milwaukee firm.

In this narrative I have made no mention of the new railroads which are being projected east of the Missouri River, as indicated on the map.

This much, no doubt, is sufficient to suggest somewhat vividly the responsibility which was felt by the members of the South Dakota Home Missionary Board when they met with the Superintendent to carry out instructions from New York to make an estimate for next year's plans on the basis of the apportionment above named.

As to the past year's record, it gives me pleasure to report, as I already have incidentally noted, that six churches have come to self-support during the current Home Missionary year. Seven more have voted to come to self-support at the close of their present year's commissions.

I also am glad to report that thirty-six Home Missionary churches have reported revivals and that the number of revivals among our self-supporting churches, who also have caught the flame of the Spirit, makes it a year with a record of spiritual awakenings which is full of encouragement.

I am sorry to report that, under the well-known eternal unrest of the population of the Northwest, the constituency in some of our communities (I would specifically name the county-seat towns of Howard and Plankinton) has become so depleted by removals that, under the depleted condition of the treasury of the Home Missionary Society, we have found it impracticable to apportion them sufficient aid to assure the support of a strong man necessary to resuscitate them.

A large district of sparsely-settled population, possibly fifty miles long, in the region of Hermosa, without a resident pastor, has not been given an amount sufficient to sustain a resident missionary. In our new schedule the proposition is made to share this burden with the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, as it is a district not very promising for organized and growing Church work, but potentially very productive of Sunday Schools.

While four churches have been built and two churches have been organized, this work, except in the organization of one church, has all been east of the Missouri River, and we have refrained from entering fields which are now inviting us into unoccupied land, until the way shall seem to us very clear.

I think that one who runs may easily read that it is not the mind generally of the Congregational churches of the present decade to build up more denominationalism. The over-churching of the small towns of the Northwest which has been so much talked of cannot be laid primarily at our doors as a denomination, though there have been exceptions. But all denominations at the heart of the lay constituency are fast becoming conscious of the atmosphere of reaction from such a spirit of sectarian zeal which in the name of "connectionalism" brings contrary winds, where all should be under the mastery of the one wind of God's Spirit against the powers of Satan, His only adversary.

It is in hearty accord with the movement of our times (a movement not only toward federation, but toward ultimate union under the one Spirit, the Head of the Church) that we would guide so far as in us lies the interests of the Congregational Home Missionary Society in South Dakota. But even in the light of this broadest outlook and from the highest and most conservative standpoint the call to action on the part of the churches of our polity in some of the new towns now opening, surely seems imperative, mighty and quite extensive.

The old work still resting upon us strongly needs the present aid. I think that the difficulty we would have in any attempt to further reduce this aid is made somewhat evident by the comparative figures already given, showing the reduced estimate made pro rata for each Home Missionary field. What can we do, then, to answer this clear call of the Shepherd of the sheep to do our part as a denomination in shaping the character of the newly organized towns and of the farming communities contiguous thereto, so that they shall count for Christ and His Kingdom?

Let me cite more in detail one portion of this problem as a sample of the whole.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad has already been built, or else graded, and the towns platted about one-third of the distance from Chamberlain to Rapid City. There are seven such towns now planned for, so that on this line of two hundred and fifteen miles of railway we may expect a score of railroad stations. Add to these the railroad stations (we are told not less than fifteen) which will be located on the one hundred and sixty-eight miles of railway from Pierre to Rapid City, those on the extension from Armour to Plankinton, and other new lines now being built east of the Missouri River, not to speak of other lines which have been definitely projected elsewhere, and we may conservatively expect that at least forty-five railway stations, and the territory contiguous thereto must be religiously cared for by some one within the next twelve months, or else Satan will take care of them.

If we are to take a small part of this responsibility for South Dakota's future, we surely ought, under the most conservative judgment, to have four or five men commissioned to take up what may distinctively be designated exclusively "new work" in new railway towns. And if we do not do *our* part, who *will* do what we ought to do? Congregationalism surely has its part to play in the saving of the newly-forming America that it may become a Christian nation.

This is a home-State proposition, on the basis of which I would be glad to make an appeal to the churches of South Dakota as those who have and must have the future of their own Commonwealth at heart; for I think that the South Dakota constituency of the C. H. M. S. at least begins to realize that the first move of advance in answer to this call must be sounded by the churches of our own State.

The principle of ultimate self-support, and that at the earliest hour, may wisely and perhaps easily come to animate our constituency from State border to State border; and I hope that, if "home rule" is to be the principle of action as has been suggested by those who are doing something to guide the interests of our National work, we may with this for our watchword be able to do somewhat to sound the slogan of war, "Forward."

Some such appeal to our people cannot but inspire them with a purpose to do somewhat for themselves, and at least to take the initiative of the expense of taking a part of these new railroad towns for Christ, and of saving the new farming communities contiguous thereto from drifting into non-Church-going communities and from thus greatly augmenting the army of "indifferentists" (some of them with Church letters in their pockets), who as "indifferent Protestants" often become the bane of the religious condition at the front as elsewhere.

Thus recognizing that the stewardship for the Christianizing of this new part of this great Commonwealth in the infancy of its life is not in our hands primarily, but in the hands of the Congregational churches of America, and hoping that our brief report makes somewhat clearer to them the clarion call to renewed activity and to increased effort which comes to them from the field which it has been our duty to reconnoiter under their command; we beg leave to lay off the burden of these towns of our younger America (the towns which are fast showing up to dancing and to immorality and to gambling and to moral and religious indifference) from the hearts of us, the few, onto the hearts of the entire Congregational constituency whose burden it is. And, may the great Shepherd of the sheep not only make us at the front wise stewards of what may from time to time be committed into our hands and into our keeping, but also fill all those in America who are His with a passion of love for those who are in the wilds, where they have as yet no folds and no keepers of the sheep, and where the sons and daughters of Eastern homes so easily drift away from God and home and Church, unless the Congregational Home Missionary and his wife are sent out to care for them and with them at least some of those who come to us from lands where there is no America.

COLORADO.

REV. HORACE SANDERSON, DENVER, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this State have been \$3,988.48.

Thirty-five Missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixty-two churches and stations. Fifty Sunday Schools report a membership of 2,889. Four churches have been organized.

Superintendent Sanderson reports:

The opportunity for us to advance and expand our work has come. The fields are opening to us, and it is our opportunity. Where we have been the pioneers, and blazed the way, now we are compelled to withdraw and give way to others on account of our lack of funds.

We have, however, organized a Church in a few new places this past year. In one place we organized with thirty members, and only one of them was a Congregationalist. The twenty-nine others talked their own Church, but finally voted unanimously to organize a Congregational Church, believing they could all best unite under such a denomination. This much for our polity.

We are now in shape to go ahead and organize a Church in several needy places where there is no other denomination if we only had the means to help them pay the minister. A very few dollars would help us start work in a prosperous community, and in a short time we could have a strong self-supporting Church, which would be a power for righteousness in the whole community.

Colorado is growing. Thousands of settlers are coming into the State this spring, and it looks now as if they would continue to come.

The Government is expending millions of dollars in turning the Gunnison River through a mountain which will require a tunnel nearly seven miles long. When this is completed thousands of acres of dry land will then be irrigated. This will bring a large number of new settlers to this region. Shall we give them Gospel privileges?

Railroads are opening up new territory, and we can only look on, and wish, and grow heartsick, because of our inability to enter the promising fields. The orders are to "Retrench." How much longer will it be before they can be changed to "Forward"?

WYOMING.

REV. W. B. D. GRAY, CHEYENNE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from Wyoming within the year have been \$396.88.

Nine Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with nine churches and stations. Nine Sunday Schools report a membership of 738.

Superintendent Gray writes:

I scarcely know what to say by way of a report from Wyoming—except that we have kept alive. Five of our missions have gone to other denominations on account of our inability to care for them. And now another "cut," with two discouraged ministers leaving. Why must the burden rest most heavily on the fields where the need of foundation building is greatest?

However, we are hoping that the churches will awake and will work on.

The churches have all grown in membership. The outlook of the State for a large influx of settlers was never so bright.

Railroads are building in several directions and the calls which come for Christian work appall me.

MONTANA.

REV. WM. S. BELL, HELENA, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions within the year have been \$400.37.

Thirteen missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with eighteen churches and stations. Nine Sunday Schools report a membership of 547.

Superintendent Bell writes:

No special features have characterized the work of the past year, except that by reason of the financial stringency the conditions have become more and more difficult. No advance has been possible. We have had to confess our impotency, and thus as a denomination sink to a lower plane in the estimation of the people. Continued reduction in grants has tended to force down salaries and make it increasingly difficult to get and keep good men. At this writing, two-thirds of our fields are, or soon will be, vacant. Our great need is men of ability, zeal, and the spirit of genuine self-sacrifice, and money sufficient to give them adequate support.

The labors of the missionaries who have served through the year have been faithful and efficient. While there have been no large ingatherings, the churches have been strengthened and the influence for righteousness increased.

The future is big with opportunity. Montana is entering upon an era of unprecedented development. Within the next few years at least 2,500,000 acres of land will be thrown open for settlement. One transcontinental line of railway, and possibly another, will be built across the State. New settlements will spring up, new towns will develop. The time is ripe for Congregational propaganda. More history will be made in the next five years than in the last twenty. Montana not only needs more churches, but more churches of the Congregational type. We wait for the order to go forward.

SOUTH CALIFORNIA.

REV. J. L. MAILE, LOS ANGELES, SUPERINTENDENT.

The receipts from this missionary district have been \$6,381.09.

Thirty-two Missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty-five churches and stations. Thirty Sunday Schools report a membership of 2,415.

Superintendent Maile writes:

The marked feature of interest in Home Missionary work on the part of our ministers and churches has been centered on the question of prospective STATE SELF-SUPPORT. The original proposition was to assume this relation on the 1st of April, 1908, on the basis of \$10,500, to be raised in our midst.

The exigencies of debt and a superabundance of demands for help upon the National Society prevented the latter from assigning us more than \$7,500 to be used during the fiscal year, commencing April 1, 1906.

This latter apportionment is \$3,900 less than was assigned to us in 1903 and 1904. These progressive reductions have so crippled our work and so impressed upon our churches a sense of the necessity of standing by the situation more effectively that a representative convention was called to meet in the First Church, Los Angeles, on February 20, 1906.

About one hundred of our most interested and clear-sighted men and women set themselves to the discussion of the question as to the desirability of bringing our work to self-support at once. While the National Society has indicated for our use during the coming twelve months the largest sum they could safely anticipate, it was believed this small amount would cripple our work beyond repair. Correspondence with the National Society indicated their cordial sympathy and appreciation of our purpose to at once come to self-support if the way could possibly open.

After a full, earnest and inspiring discussion, the convention unanimously voted to approve these suggestions of the State Board of Directors that we assume State self-support on and after April 1, 1906.

The following obligations were recognized as being included in this decision:

1. That a strenuous effort be inaugurated to raise the sum of \$10,000, the same to be expended in Southern California during the twelve months ending April 1, 1907.

2. That we plan to pay the missionary stipends on the first of each month, and a strong appeal be sent out to individuals, churches, women's societies, Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor organizations.

The brief interval that has elapsed since the meeting of this memorable convention amply indicates the existence of a strong, enthusiastic and prayerful determination to raise the amount of money indicated.

The Superintendent finds a spirit of vital hopefulness, of good cheer, and of enthusiastic anticipation that our goal for the coming twelve months will be reached.

Meanwhile, our sympathy and earnest feeling of solicitation goes out to the National Society with the earnest desire that the debt shall be raised, and a new era entered upon with faith and a high resolve to do our full part as a denomination in effecting the evangelization of the entire country for Christ.

OREGON.

REV. CEPHAS F. CLAPP, FOREST GROVE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this State within the year have been \$992.52.

Twenty-two Missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with forty-two churches and stations. Thirty-six Sunday Schools report a membership of 3,053.

Superintendent Clapp says:

Twenty-two missionaries were employed last year, who supplied forty churches, with a number of out-stations. One Church was organized, four were materially repaired, expending from \$600 to \$2,000 each, on enlargements, betterments and repairs. One Church assumed self-support and has been greatly blessed in so doing. Others have materially reduced their grant, and several are making heroic efforts to come to self-support at the earliest possible moment.

Extensive revivals are reported in five fields, while in many others special meetings were held, resulting in quickening the spiritual life of the members, and

the conversion of a number of souls. On the whole, there was an unusual spirit of religious interest, and in nearly every church where special effort was made to bring the people to a decision the meetings were successful.

At Ione, a great revival has lifted up the community and practically changed its whole moral tone. Here Evangelist Frank A. Miller assisted the pastor, Rev. J. L. Jones, for three weeks, and a revival such as the town had never known was the result. Beaverton enjoyed a most gracious awakening under the faithful services of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Barber, and Sunnyside, Portland, under the leadership of Rev. J. J. Staub, had the most remarkable year of its history. It was centrally located with regard to the great Chapman meetings, which were held in the city last spring, and was one of the centers of evangelistic influence and reaped a most gracious harvest. More than sixty united with the Church on Easter Sabbath, after the close of the meetings, and a continuous growth has marked its life ever since. The Church voted to assume self-support at the expiration of the last year's commission, and this gave them additional impulse and strength.

Their prayer meetings have been larger than ever before and their missionary offerings have greatly increased. Evangelist Gillam visited a number of the self-supporting churches in the State, and a few of the Home Missionary churches, and his work was owned in strengthening and deepening the consecration of Church members, and in some cases decisions were made for Christ. Two or three churches have set their hearts on self-support at an early day and are planning for this accomplishment. In a number of fields the yoking is such that one man is compelled to look after four churches, which is double the field that one man can take care of. Even as it is, five or six churches were left without pastoral supply during the year, for lack of funds to aid them to secure a minister. Six more men ought to be employed at once, and placed in charge of work already organized, but there is no money to do this, and indeed unless help comes from some unknown source, some of the men now employed will have to be given up next year, as the funds are inadequate to sustain them. A part of the salary could be raised on each field, but this alone would not sustain a missionary, and there must be additional missionary help if these churches are furnished with pastoral supplies. Good, reliable men are not willing to undertake these fields, unless they are assured that the Missionary Society will stand back of them for support. Plenty of adventurers are found, ready and willing to do so, but their work is worse than nothing and they disintegrate whatever organized conditions are found there when they begin. To secure able, reliable and efficient men, we must be able to pledge to them substantial backing in the way of financial and moral support. This we are not able to do with the present condition of the treasury. Many promising openings appear for Congregational churches, but we can enter none of them with the present financial conditions. Nor can we maintain a number of the Church organizations already established unless help comes soon.

WASHINGTON AND NORTHERN IDAHO.

REV. W. W. SCUDDER, JR., WEST SEATTLE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The contributions from this district within the year have been \$3,610.53.

Sixty Missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with ninety-three churches and stations. Seventy-five Sunday Schools report a membership of 4,603.

Superintendent Scudder writes:

In attempting to picture the year's work in this rapidly-expanding Northwest, the camera must be planted so as to command two prominent facts that stand out before all others and that are as hard to focus as are approaching and receding objects in the same photographic view. They are, first, a development, material and Congregational, greater than the region has ever known before and looming up with accelerating speed; and second, a missionary appropriation the smallest in our history and vanishing with equally alarming rapidity. The old prophet has given us the only eminence on which we can plant our tripod: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord"; for certainly there is no other vantage ground from which faith can view and reconcile boundless opportunity with shrunken resources.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE.

The material growth of Washington has been rapid enough in the past to double the population of her cities in the last four years. This of itself is fast growth, and has severely taxed the Christian forces on the ground in their effort to keep abreast of this advance. No great section of the United States has grown faster. From present indications, however, the furious pace set in the last six months will throw all previous records in the shade.

Down the north bank of the Columbia are rushing construction crews for 250 miles of track that will open fully half of the southern border counties of the State, hitherto reached only by water or rough wagon roads. From Portland to Puget Sound presses the Union Pacific, 200 miles, putting enthusiasm throughout the southwestern part of the State, a region comparatively backward in recent development, but responsive now to great possibilities. Along the Snake River is squirming a railroad that will open a portal to the great fruit wealth of the southeast, while extensions into the mountains, both steam and electric, will develop a second inland empire, of which the growing city of Lewiston is the center. From Spokane northward to the British line is projected another line through virgin forests and hitherto almost inaccessible lakes of beauty and mines of wealth. Through the northern counties of Stevens, Okanogan and Chelan, teeming with home seekers and famous for grazing, mining, timber and fruit, is being built a line that it is said will cross the entire State, leap the Cascades and drop down to the Sound at Bellingham, which is raising a million dollars bonus for the expected road. Up the rich Yakima Valley, paralleling the Northern Pacific, the surveyors have run their surveys, and the roadbeds are being thrown up for two more transcontinental systems—an impetus under which values are shooting skyward, and families are flocking in in droves, while in the Sound cities of Seattle and Tacoma, in the struggle for terminal facilities, blocks and blocks change hands at fancy prices and fortunes are made in a day. Electric lines skirting 150 miles of

Puget Sound and grid-ironing the regions suburban to cities like Bellingham, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, and Walla Walla, are securing franchises and surveying rights of way; and others are connecting by direct routes large centers of population that have hitherto had connection through devious and expensive ways. Numerous irrigation projects opening up the arid tracts of the great Columbia basin, from the Cascades to the Idaho mountains, and placing on the lands that were considered worthless values of \$500 to \$1,000 per acre, are transforming sand and sage bush into one of the most beautiful and productive garden spots in the world. It will be no astonishing thing if within three years the steam and electric trackage of the State should be doubled. This may easily mean half again the present population, with a proportionate percentage of increase in new centers that must have the Gospel laid in with their foundations. To evangelize half as many new towns as the State now has, will be a tremendous problem for the denominations now here, requiring as great a missionary expenditure as any in the past.

That this is not an isolated or mushroom development can be seen by what is going on all around us. The railroad building boom has struck the entire West. East and south of us are vast projects of this kind. Large railroad and mining ventures in British Columbia and Alaska are stimulating the rapid development of a huge empire to the north with a climate and conditions not unlike the north of Europe, capable of sustaining millions of the human race. A new line of the largest freight steamers in the world with the most perfect passenger accommodations on the Pacific has, during the year been put in most successful operation with the Orient. This position of Washington, with her unrivaled natural resources, the northern Middle States, behind her, the Orient in front of her, the splendid civilization of the other Pacific States to the south, and the fascinating possibilities in the north to which she is the natural gateway, show us that all this activity is of no temporary character, but the strong, healthful beating of the heart of one of the most wonderful areas of future industry on the globe. We have, further, but to remind ourselves that the progress of Washington is being made by, and in the midst of, a population over seventy-five per cent. native American, homogeneous, sympathetic with American ideals and free democratic churches, and, as far as climatic conditions can affect character, with one of the finest climates in the world, to see the great opportunity that lies spread out before the Congregational churches of our country.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WORK.

For five years our churches have been struggling to meet these opportunities in spite of decreasing funds. In some measure they have succeeded. Sixty or seventy new churches have been organized and supported because an equal number of other organizations have agreed to make room on our missionary rolls by assuming self-support. It has taken large sacrifice on the part of men and fields to do this. To-day we face a work of unprecedented expansion with resources cut in two. In 1901 we received in round numbers \$23,000. For 1906, for a greater work, \$12,000. Under the seven retrenchments necessitated by the debt of the Home Missionary Society, we have cut in past years so deeply that this year, rather than butcher the whole, we have taken from our list nearly 40 churches which must be provided for by local

contribution or must die. We may be able to raise in the State enough to save many—possibly all—of them, for the emergency is calling out a most gratifying response.

But suppose we do. What about these new opportunities? Shall we turn back and face the past, content with conserving what we have? Every pastor in the State says "No." No Church is willing to sound a retreat. Our active and intelligent laymen tell us this is no time to call a halt, and are pledging extra and generous support. But Washington cannot take this territory alone. She has great resources, but they are yet in the early stages of development. The \$500,000,000 that it is estimated the year's railroad expansion will demand is not her money; it will come from without her borders. But she will soon pay good returns on it. The \$25,000 we need yearly for five years to meet this phenomenal situation we cannot yet raise ourselves, but we will double our own gifts and pay good dividends on Christian investment. Can we have the needed capital, that spiritual progress be not distanced by material advance? When will our churches begin to give her Home Missions on a scale commensurate with the greatness and importance of the work?

The year's work, though seriously hampered, shows much to encourage. Seventy-six missionaries have been serving about 125 fields and outstations. Seven churches have entered on self-support with nearly ten more waiting to cross the line in April. Nine new churches have been organized, largely in important centers in our cities and in county seats. Two parsonages and ten new Church buildings have been built, including several of the finest edifices in the State. Three parsonages and seven new churches are being erected and seven churches have added material improvements. In over thirty fields energetic services have been held—in many with marked success—and the year ends with our churches as a whole well manned and prosperous. We are carrying at least a third larger work than we were in 1900 at an annual expenditure for the new year of nearly \$12,000 less from the National Society than we were then using. That our churches can do this, double their benevolence, improve their financial condition and send sixty or more of their number to self-support shows how largely they have increased in ability to help themselves, and how steadily they have reduced their applications for aid. A few years more of generous encouragement will mean self-support in this State with double our present work and strength. But continued retrenchment will necessitate the loss of this greatest opportunity that has come to us in the Northwest.

ALASKA.

The two missionary churches in this field of the distant Northwest—Douglas and Valdez—have been blessed with the pastoral services of two devoted men. At Douglas Rev. David Holford has wrought, patiently and earnestly, and at Valdez Rev. William Burnett has continued his pastorate for another year.

Douglas, an exclusively mining town, has a population of many nationalities and various tongues. The pastor ministers to a constantly changing body of people. This makes progress in membership and financial power exceedingly slow.

The field of Rev. William Burnett at Valdez is the point of entrance to a large mining territory, lying in the interior of the country.

Not a few conversions have been the fruit of Mr. Burnett's labors during the past year. But in every case of such conversion it has been deemed wise to help the young Christian back to the States, that there might be an escape from the degrading and corrupting influences of the frontier life of Valdez.

SLAVIC DEPARTMENT.

(No successor to the late Dr. Schauffler has yet been appointed.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SLAVIC DEPARTMENT.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Both parts of Bethlehem Church are in an encouraging condition. The attendance at the Sunday morning service of the Bohemian part has been larger than the year before. The English part has suffered by the removal of some of the members. The Church has been increased by 24 members, and 30 hopeful conversions are reported. Mr. Whitlock, the pastor of the English part, says: "There are many hopeful things in our work which reveal a gracious measure of the Spirit's presence."

In Mizpah Chapel the work is still carried on in three languages. Mr. Kozielek, the Polish missionary here, was called to Detroit following the death of Rev. John Lewis, our missionary there, and Rev. Paul Fox was called to take up this work. Mr. Fox writes that the work is more hopeful here than ever before. The services are better attended and the new year is started with encouragement. The Bohemian and English parts of the work here are encouraging.

At Cyril Church the work is in a very hopeful condition. Rev. John Musil writes: "The mission work in this field has been more successful than in years before. Financially, the Church has done excellently."

At Emanuel Church the work is encouraging. The Sunday morning services are better attended than last year. Although the salary of the missionary in this field is not provided for by any society, there is provision for Mr. Yuki's salary for next year, and we look forward to a very successful year. Rev. Philip Reitingger was obliged to give up work here on account of failing health, and Rev. Adolf Yuki has begun the work, hopeful of success.

Detroit, Mich.

The Church here suffered a loss last summer in the death of its efficient pastor, Rev. John Lewis, who passed away after a short illness. Rev. Paul Kozielek, formerly Polish missionary in Cleveland, was called to this work. He reports 55 members, the same as last year. There were four additions to the Church on confession of faith and one by letter. Mr. Kozielek writes: "The attendance at the services is good. The members are doing good personal work, visiting the sick, and calling on others, trying to win them for Christ. This is a very hopeful field and I think we have gained ground. There are difficulties, but trusting to the Lord, we shall overcome them." Two Polish young ladies from that field are preparing for missionary work at the Schauffler Missionary Training School.

Bay City, Mich.

Miss Slavinskies writes that the work here has not had a very successful year. For five months she was absent from the field on account of sickness. While a building has not been secured for the work, she writes that her first effort will be one in which to locate the work. Miss Slavinskies says that already several children have promised to come to the Sunday School as soon as one is formed. She hopes for more encouraging results with the securing of a Sunday School.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. Joseph Jelinek reports 34 Church members, with three additions to the Church on confession of faith. He also reports six hopeful conversions. The total average weekly attendance at eight services and meetings, 356. Mr. Jelinek has preached at three towns in Northern Wisconsin several times. He writes: "In general the influence of our work is more felt in our neighborhood now than ever. Several young men are attending our meetings and we hope and pray that they may be brought to Jesus Christ as their Saviour." The Church has raised \$65.00 for benevolences. They have taken upon themselves to provide the current expenses for the Church and the repairs on the Church building, which are considerable.

St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. C. J. Trcka reports 37 members, five more than last year; four hopeful conversions. The membership of the Sunday School is 90. Mr. Trcka writes: "The past year has been the best in our history. We know we are going forward, for many things which seemed impossible in former years were possible last year. The chapel has been repaired, \$215.00 being raised for the purpose, and there seems to be a better interest all around." Mr. Trcka is very hopeful for the future.

Holdingford, Minn.

Rev. Paul Jamarik reports 29 members, two more than last year, three hopeful conversions, and an average attendance at three services and two Sunday Schools of 144. Mr. Jamarik has organized a Sunday School for the Swedish people in his district, which is conducted by a very able man. Mr. Jamarik also preaches to the Swedish on Sunday, but he holds no mid-week service, as it is impossible for the farmers to attend. He writes: "Our progress has not been so much in numbers, as in the extension of our influence and in the inner strengthening of our spiritual unity. We have prayed and planned and in some way conquered and brought many to a closer realization of their need of salvation." He is looking for a brighter future and more promising results.

Vining-Luzerne, Iowa.

Rev. Anton Paulu reports 26 members in the Vining Church and 8 in the Luzerne Church, against 23 and 6 the year before. Mr. Paulu feels more encouraged in his work. He says: "From present indications I can express the hope that the coming year will be more fruitful than any year in the past. Thus far we have been obliged to work among enemies, without any co-operation. The

enemies lived around us and the members very far away. Now we have a few persons who work with us by speaking favorably of our work." Mr. Paulu preaches regularly at Irving, with an average attendance of 21.

St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. V. Vavrina reports 36 members, the same as last year, with three additions to the Church on confession and one by letter; four hopeful conversions. He has two Sunday Schools under his care, one English and one Bohemian; membership, 213 and 60. Mr. Vavrina says: "If I would write in a few words the story of our year's work, I should say that it was a year of experiments and ventures and departures in new directions, of progress and retreat, of hard work and many disappointments, and God's blessing to crown it all." He adds: "We have gained new families to Christ; we have gained the confidence of the people who were filled with prejudice. We have sowed good seed with pain of heart and tears, but in hope of a blessed harvest. In the midst of the greatest trials we have been able to feel hopeful and grateful and work more earnestly and pray more fervently and preach more spiritually."

Miss Antonia Osinek, the Bible reader, says that the people now enjoy good reading more than before.

Crete, Nebraska.

Owing to lack of funds, the work in Crete had to be abandoned last June. We are very sorry for this, as it was a hopeful field and a great deal of time and money were expended there.

Allegheny, Pa.

Rev. Andrew Kovac reports 30 members, the same as last year, with seven hopeful conversions. For a long time the great need of Allegheny has been a chapel. They are obliged to hold their services in a very undesirable room. They hope soon to be able to build a chapel and have \$900.00 already pledged for that purpose. Miss Ellen Mercel, the Bible reader, who graduated from the Schauffler Missionary Training School last year, is very happy in her work. The people are glad to receive her and she feels much encouraged.

Braddock, Pa.

The Church has suffered in the departure of its pastor, who was called to take up the work in Emanuel Church, Cleveland. Mr. A. J. Mencel will become pastor of the Braddock field on April 1. The Church has 34 members. The work here is very difficult, and while the missionary is not discouraged, yet there has been no great progress.

Duquesne-McKeesport, Pa.

Rev. Andrew Gavlik reports 60 Church members against 53 of last year, ten hopeful conversions, and an average attendance at eight services and meetings of 247 against 233 at ten services and meetings of a year ago. Mr. Gavlik writes: "The spirit of our members is brotherly and harmonious. Almost all are striving to witness for Christ before their fellow-countrymen. Our services are well attended, and in our prayer meetings we experience God's presence, both in prayers and testimonies."

Charleroi-Stockdale, Pa.

In Charleroi no meetings are being held. Miss Kilian, the Bible reader, resides there and does visiting. In Stockdale the Church numbers 36, against 33 of a year ago. Mr. Donat reports six hopeful conversions. Mr. Donat says: "When we look back on our work for the last year we can say that never before in the history of our Church have we received so many blessings from the Lord." A neat little chapel was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day. For years this chapel has been greatly needed, as the services in Stockdale had to be held in a very unsatisfactory hall. The work has now been enlarged, and a sewing school, boys' club, and kindergarten have been formed. The Slavic population is increasing at a tremendous rate and Mr. Donat hopes for a brighter future.

GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

M. E. EVERSZ, D.D., CHICAGO, ILL., SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent Eversz reports :

Statistics, January 1st, 1905, to January 1st, 1906.

Ministers in charge of churches, 88, of whom 30 caring for 57 churches were aided by this Society; 16 caring for 16 churches were aided by State Societies. Five ministers were ordained. One has gone home to his rest.

Churches. Last year's report, 159; received, 7; dropped, at least for a time, 3; leaving 163 churches, which report 8,401 members. Of these 715 were received, 497 lost by removal, death, etc., leaving a net gain of 218.

Benevolent Contributions. To the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, \$1,629; Congregational Education Society, \$1,106; Congregational Church Building Society, \$858; American Missionary Association, \$159; Congregational Home Missionary Society, \$2,122; Congregational Church Building Society, \$858. Sunday School and Publishing Society, \$367; Ministerial Aid, \$299; other causes, \$2,632. Total, \$9,157.

Improvements. Churches erected, 8; in process of building, 3; parsonages provided, 4; coming to self-support, 7 churches.

Sunday Schools. One hundred and thirty-three report an enrollment of 7,798, a gain of 1,009.

Young People's Societies. Forty-five report 1,428 members, a gain of 146.

A little over one hundred churches are bearing their own burdens and learning that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Recalling the fact that only seven churches were doing this when we assumed the work, and that some of the pastors were getting their support in part from other sources, we may thank God and take courage.

So much for the skeleton of the work. But how shall we put on the flesh and make it a living being appealing to our churches with life and power and muscle? Who can describe the life and energy and self-denial and devotion of the missionaries who make such a report possible? Some of them caring for four, five, six, yes one of them eight churches, driving from eight to forty-five miles to their appointments, and then proposing a reduction of the burden upon the Society in their own behalf, knowing they must often lose what is thus saved from their scanty salaries.

But what cuts and bears more heavily upon them is the inability of our Society to take advantage of the promising openings for new work. From Colorado,

from Washington, from South and North Dakota, and from Wyoming and Canada, hands are beckoning to us to enter the open doors. And what must we write? Our treasury is swamped! With a cut of one thousand dollars a year for two years, and now another of \$1,500 for the year before us, we cannot take up new work. Without a single pastor at large or general missionary in the field, and doing work among a people who are as yet unfamiliar with our "way" and the spirit within the wheels, we are expected to do aggressive work. If such general missionaries and evangelists are needed in our native work, how much more is that the case among our foreign-born populations? I repeat the oft-made appeal, we need at least three general missionaries for this work to do it efficiently. Instead of having the means at our disposal to secure their appointment, we are obliged to abandon work where money has been invested, and work with cheaper men, because we cannot support those who command better salaries.

Yet these men and these churches are not moaning nor complaining. To the appeal of 50 cents per member extra to pay off the debt many are responding. To-day we open a letter containing a draft for \$25.00 with the statement: "We have been under a great strain to build and pay for our parsonage this year, and are now determined not to ask for further Home Missionary aid. But our people willingly contribute this, and hope that the last vestige of that debt will be wiped out."

Here is a dollar inclosed from two widows, mother and daughter. The latter receiving one hundred dollars from the ministerial aid fund to enable her to take care of her sick and helpless mother. She writes: "We want to do our part to pay off that debt." Another letter contains a dollar from a lady now living in a city of 40,000 inhabitants. She writes, "I was a member of your church at La Grange, Missouri. Have not felt at home in any other church since. (There are four large German Protestant churches there.) Saw your notice of the debt in the *Kirchenbete*. I wish to help clear it off."

The fifth notification of a special collection for the debt reaches me from a missionary in charge of six churches. The average is about the proposed fifty cents per member, and he adds, "I expect to raise the amount of my commission in addition during the year."

But we cannot take time to mention a tithe of the expressions of loyalty and distress on account of this debt. Let the children of the Household worthily lead the way and the debt will soon be a thing of the past. The people are not "sponges." They appreciate what has been done for them and what ought not to be done. Said a leading man in a little German church in Oklahoma: "We know that we cannot expect you to send us a minister, we are too few. Only send us a minister every three months to stay a few days and freshen us up. We will keep up our Sunday School, church and prayer meeting regularly. During the two days I spent with them a collection was taken twice. These twenty-seven members (nine families) some of them not four years on their claims, contributed \$106, of which \$56 was designated for our Society."

Without claiming too much, we may say that no other denomination can so readily meet the needs of Germans from Russia and prevent their being split up into sects. Almost puritanic in some of their views, they will in time furnish spiritual bone and muscle to our modern Christianity. They "keep" the Fourth of July, but not for fire-crackers and noise and all sorts of excesses, but as the

fathers did, for religious service and patriotic address. Their children are coming in increasing numbers to our Redfield College, and are already wielding a strong moulding influence in their homes. With the needed means and men we can double our work among them in a few years. Three general missionaries are too few rather than too many. Think of scattering one man over sections of North and South Dakota, another over Colorado and adjacent sugar-beet regions, and another over Washington and Oregon! Where I stand alone to direct, our Methodist brethren have one presiding elder to every twelve to twenty ministers. He has not a large correspondence and can direct in opening up new work. He is practically a general missionary, with much more authority. I hear no complaints of the largeness of administrative expenses there.

The door is wide open. One hundred thousand immigrants of Tuetonic stock are reported for the last twelve months. Shall we have a proper share in caring for them or "Shall we retreat"?

Fifty-six German students are in attendance at Redfield College, of whom fourteen have the work of the ministry in view. In two years about \$4,000 were subscribed for endowment of Redfield by our Germans, and over \$2,000 were given for instruction in Redfield and Chicago Seminary. A new edition of 5,000 copies of our hymn book has been issued. The circulation of our paper is increasing. We are on the "up grade." Shall we be permitted to go "forward," or must we slow up and finally "Retreat"? Our church must decide.

The strain of a year ago for Redfield College accounts for a decrease in offerings this last year.

SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT.

REV. S. V. S. FISHER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent Fisher says:

To have charge of a work that would advance by leaps and bounds, so as to write a report which would stir the blood and arouse the enthusiasm of our Congregational churches, and persuade them to redouble their interest and their generosity, would be delightful. If, by the expenditure of a few thousands of dollars, and the labors of half a hundred men, several pentecostal seasons a year might be produced and reported, that would seem to be well worth while.

It must be confessed that the routine annual report is not particularly stirring or impressive, either to the writer or the reader. Nevertheless, it records a vast amount of earnest, patient, plodding, prayerful, hopeful, self-denying effort, which taken up into the divine plan, as it surely must be, will count for much in the establishment of the Kingdom of our Lord.

In the Scandinavian department the Society has had, during the year closing with February, 1906, the services of forty-five missionaries. These men have served fifty-three churches and a score of outstations, and in the cultivation of these fields have preached six thousand sermons, made thousands of prayer-meeting talks, thousands of pastoral calls, and helped greatly to make the life better in scores of communities. Connected with these churches are Sunday Schools, in which two thousand children are brought under religious influences and taught Bible truths. The pastors report two hundred and sixty-six conversions, and two hundred and thirty-six additions to the churches, chiefly upon confession of Christ.

There have been four general missionaries in the field besides the Superintendent. The Rev. John F. Okerstein works in the interests of both the Sunday School Society and the C. H. M. S. His field is Minnesota, though he occasionally strays over the border into western Wisconsin and labors for the C. H. M. S. there. As a personal worker Mr. Okerstein has few superiors. He is very familiar with his Bible, and has an unusual desire to catch men, and an easy and convincing way with those whom he addresses.

Rev. N. J. Lind spends his whole time in central North Dakota, and finds a field far too large for him to cover. He frequently asks for reinforcements, and, when his appeal is denied, he pluckily addresses himself anew to the work, and undertakes to add to his own the work of an extra man. More calls come to him than he can possibly respond to. He takes long, tedious trips, to make his voice reach as far as may be. Rev. A. P. Nelson and Rev. Karl Newquist go out from Minneapolis, north, south, east, west, confirming feeble churches, comforting the hearts of lonely pastors, preaching the Gospel in out-of-the-way places, where the voice of the Christian herald is not often heard, doing the work of an evangelist and a pastor wherever they come; ministers-at-large are they, with dioceses as broad as anyone could wish.

The Society has made it possible to employ two district missionaries in the Norwegian work. One is the Rev. Charles J. Jensen, whose field is in northern and central Wisconsin, where there is a large and increasing population of Scandinavians. He is supplying six preaching stations, and could have others, had he the time and strength. He finds many neglected communities, where the people express a real desire for the regular ministrations of the Word, and he wishes that there might be added another laborer to this work. As this is now impossible, Mr. Jensen will have to carry the work in that region alone.

Mr. Christ Oftedal has spent the whole year in fruitful labor in a district twenty or twenty-five miles southeast of Winona, Minnesota, a district not far removed from his home. There a remarkable spiritual work has been in progress for a number of months, such an awakening as has never been known in that region before. Mr. Oftedal has had the help of pastors and of some evangelists who have been engaged in tent work among their countrymen in southern Minnesota and in Wisconsin. There have been many impressive instances of conversion, people reclaimed from notoriously evil lives confessing Christ, and bringing forth fruits meet for repentance. Rev. A. J. Andrewson has gone to labor in this field, which will need more than the services of one man when this work shapes itself for something permanent. Mr. Andrewson was formerly pastor in Maple Valley and Racine, Wisconsin.

This year the Society has aided only one Church in Washington—that at Aberdeen. The work in that Church has increased in spiritual power, and the pastor, Rev. J. P. Ohleen, has been very much encouraged at the results of special meetings and the more hopeful outlook. He finds that he cannot, however, remain in Aberdeen on account of the dampness of the climate. It is probable that he will leave at the close of April and will return to Minnesota. The Spokane Church, which the Society has helped hitherto, decided that it could care for the pastor without aid from the Society. And it has not recalled its decision, even though the pastor, as soon as he was fairly settled, moved for the erection of a new and much larger house of worship, to meet the demands of an increasing constituency in that rapidly growing city. The Church is well

under way with its new house of worship in a more central part of the city than the former location. It has asked aid from the Building Society to a considerable amount for the completion of its building. It is very much to be desired that it should receive this aid, that it may be made very manifest to the Church that her Congregational friends mean to stand by her in the hour of her stress.

The Swedish Church of Missoula lost her pastor last summer, and for a time did not know how to gather her forces and hold them. A former pastor, Rev. F. J. Anderson, who had given up the ministry some years ago, was asked to serve the Church until a pastor could be found. He is still caring for the Church, which has called Rev. John M. Josephson, now pastor of the Swedish Church in Nora, Idaho. Just where the Nora Church will find the man to take Mr. Josephson's place time will show. The Nora field is a large and important one in a district which is attracting settlers, and has a prospect of larger things in coming days.

The work in North Dakota connected with the Society directly, is that of Rev. N. J. Lind—commented on above—and the Fargo Scandinavian Church. The latter proves to be a difficult field in which to keep a minister. The membership of the Church has not been of the staying kind. People have moved into Fargo, stayed a little time—a few months or years—and then picked up their belongings and moved out upon the prairies of the great State, or further west, even to the coast. Fargo seems to be the gateway to the vast country beyond. There are many who gather at the gateway for a time, but who soon move on. Yet it seems best, if not necessary, for the benefit of the sojourners who will make their homes elsewhere in the course of time, to keep the Church in Fargo alive and going. The Rev. B. B. Sather has done excellent work in Fargo and Moorhead the past two years; but he has now gone to a self-supporting field southeast of Fargo, Christine, a large farming community. The Fargo Church has called a student from Chicago Seminary, who will graduate the first of May. Though not directly connected with our denomination, or supported in any way by the Society, there is a growing and very important work being done by the Rev. H. F. Josephson, who was formerly our general Norwegian missionary in North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota, in and around Cooperstown, North Dakota. The church is self-supporting, but is in sympathy with our work and allows its pastor liberty to labor in the region round about and to give direction to the tent work, which has been very successful in arousing the people wherever it has been carried on among the Scandinavian peoples in that part of the State. Mr. Josephson was engaged in this tent work before he became the pastor of the Cooperstown Church.

The progress of the Society's work in Minnesota would be more noticeable if our appropriation had permitted us to push the work more vigorously. We have been unable to enter the places opened by our general workers, much to their regret and also that of the people in whom they have awakened a desire to have a more frequent ministry of the word. When a missionary travels scores of miles on foot, visiting from house to house where the houses are far apart, and by Bible reading, prayer and conversation, has awakened considerable interest in the district, so that the people wish for better things, it is not particularly encouraging to him to be admonished that he must not organize the

work with the expectation that a pastor can be had to minister regularly to the increasing need and desire of the neighborhood; neither does it tend to the enthusiasm of the community.

Rev. N. J. Bolin has been working a large territory in Mille Lacs County for three or more years. At times it has seemed to him that he must withdraw, as the Society was unable to do for him according to his need, and the people were too indifferent to the work which he was doing; but he has held on faithfully, and this year has seen some result of his efforts. The people in a number of places where he has been preaching are feeling the need of religious privileges for themselves and their children. In one part of the field a Church has been organized, and a meeting house is in process of erection. Mr. Bolin is much encouraged and the people are taking a great deal of interest in the new order of things.

The Swedish Temple, Minneapolis, has made remarkable progress under the leadership of Rev. A. P. Engstrom. When Mr. Engstrom came to the pastorate of the Temple, a loan from the Building Society of \$5,000 had matured, and nearly \$3,000 remained unpaid. This debt has been paid during the past year and the mortgage burned, to the great satisfaction of the Church. Not only so, but a fine parsonage has been built, joined to the house of worship, at a cost of nearly \$4,000. The Building Society has generously helped the enterprise with a loan of \$1,200. The spiritual growth of the Temple has kept pace with the material prosperity. There has been a continued religious interest through the year, and many have been added to the Church. At present there seems to be a most excellent outlook and a great promise for this Church.

If time and space allowed, one would like to run through the list of Minnesota Scandinavian churches, and point out the encouraging features of work in each one. All of the churches seem to be doing well with two exceptions, and these two may come to their own in the course of time. In Minnesota we have a force of thirteen men, three of whom are general missionaries, and one a district missionary. Nine are pastors. These nine serve sixteen churches, and have other places where they preach. The work might easily be greatly enlarged.

In the neighboring State of Wisconsin we have six pastors and one general missionary. The general missionary has more calls than he can respond to, as has been said above. The six pastors minister to thirteen churches regularly, and to others occasionally. Two of our Wisconsin churches are pastorless. The Glenwood Church is at present served by Mr. Newquist, one of our Minnesota missionaries, who is helping to get the Church into better condition, more united and, we trust, more willing to work. The Merrill Church has had no pastor for a year, and we are unable now to put a man there. The Society would have to put more money into that field to keep a pastor there than it has done for a number of years. And this is out of the question. Indeed, it cannot at present put as much in as it did the last year of the last pastorate. The Racine Church declined to have any fellowship with us, and its pastor, Rev. A. J. Andrewson, felt that he could do nothing for that Church, and he is now a district missionary in southern Minnesota. Just what the Racine Church will do is not easy to say; but it is not likely to become strong until its constituents have more coherence. There is a Church lately organized in Wittenberg, which is to all intents one of us, having as pastor a man who recently was graduated

from the Norwegian Institute, allied with our Chicago Seminary, and it has received aid from the Building Society for the erection of its meeting-house; and the Church grew out of a movement begun and carried forward by Rev. H. J. Josephson, when he was our general missionary. A great work could now be done in Wisconsin if the Society could furnish the means to employ the men who are willing and waiting to do it. Sad enough that we are cramped for funds at this time. A new Church home has been built at Grantsburg, largely through the push and untiring efforts of Rev. Mathias Peterson. This Church is in better condition in material things than ever before; and we trust that this betterment will promote the moral and spiritual efficiency of the Church. The Wood Lake Church has also provided itself with a second place of meeting, which is finely located and attractive; so that now this Church has two good houses of worship, six or seven miles apart. Probably in time there will be two churches, as well as two meeting houses.

In New Jersey the Society is helping to pay the salaries of four men. These men preach in at least nine places. Rev. J. A. Dahlgren supplies Dover, Morristown and has recently taken up work in Paterson, where the Church was about discouraged, and in great danger of losing its property. He has been able by very constant and great effort to save the house of worship to the Church; and he thinks the outlook is hopeful, if he can be well supported by the Society in this crucial time. Unfortunately it is a crucial time with the Society also. The Dover Church is small, having lost heavily by removals; and it has too large and too expensive a property for its needs, and one that is heavily encumbered, considering the size of the Church and its inability to meet financial obligations. Fortunately its debt is to the Building Society, and so it is not likely to be sold out of its Church home. The work at Morristown is in good condition, but has some handicaps. The most available place of meeting is the chapel of one of the Presbyterian churches, which is commodious and accessible. It is given to the congregation, I think, free of cost, save for the heating and lighting. But the pastor and officers of the Church do not see why a Presbyterian Church should not be organized, seeing that these friends are so kindly dealing with them. The pastor is not so minded, and is aware that it would be of little use to connect this body of believers with the Presbytery; so the little organization stands unrelated to any large body of Christians. Meanwhile the Church ministers to the spiritual need of many and is doing good work. Rev. Theodore Englung supplies Plainfield, Perth Amboy and a small congregation at Elizabeth. The Plainfield Church is growing and the outlook is promising. The Perth Amboy Church is not as strong as it was several years ago, a good number of the young folks having moved to neighboring towns—some to Plainfield to the strengthening of the Church there. At Elizabeth the work is new, but a considerable number seem to be interested in it and they hope it will grow to something large.

Rev. C. E. Nelson is having encouraging success in the Hoboken Norwegian Church and is also serving a lately-organized Church at Union Hill. He seems hopeful concerning both fields. It would seem as if the East Orange Church had become so strong as to be able to go alone, but the friends do not feel this way just yet. The Church is growing and has a very fine body of young people in it. Inasmuch as the most of these are serving the wealthy families of the Oranges, whose habits are migratory, the Church does not reckon itself as

stable as it would if more of its membership were in families well-rooted in the community life. But there is no reason why this Church should not become large and vigorous in the next few years, unless all the signs fail.

The work in Pennsylvania is going well, seemingly, in all the churches. Rev. A. G. Nelson, in Chandler's Valley, has gotten Church affairs in better shape than they have been for a considerable time. He has also aroused the Busti Church to undertake regular services. If these two churches, though in different States, would yoke and pull together, that field would soon be self-supporting. Rev. A. J. Lindquist has done excellent service in Du Bois and is building a good, strong Church there. The Church has a good property, Church-home and parsonage, and is in fine condition for the work before it. The Pittsburg Church has secured its auditorium, though it had to run in debt for it. Whether or not the Building Society will come to its rescue, I have not learned. It is greatly to be desired that it do so. Now the Church has an inviting house of worship; its congregations are good; the Sunday School flourishes; the minister is an attractive preacher and, the debt aside, the Church has the promise of better things ahead. One drawback is that the Swedish people are scattered over the city and are not easy to get at; and the Church-home is a good ways off from the homes of some of the people.

The Titusville Church is rejoicing in their new and fine house of worship. It is unusually well located, and is finely adapted to all the uses of a Church-home. The people are delighted with it and much elated over their success in securing it, as they have reason to be. No doubt but the work in Titusville will go more smoothly and show better results than heretofore.

The Swedish Church in Warren has done remarkable things under the lead of Rev. Frank Nelson. A few years ago one could hardly have prophesied such things for the handful of people which then composed this Church. It is surprising that they have so centrally located in the best part of the city, so suitable for all their needs. The Church itself has grown and is strengthening every year. Next fall this Church is to entertain the Northwestern Congregational Association. It will be a red letter day in their calendar.

The McKeesport Swedish Congregational Church, formed about two years ago, this year makes appeal to us for help in the support of the pastor, who is coming to them about the middle of May or the first of June. It is a pity that the Society cannot aid this young and promising Church, and thus draw it into closer fellowship with our Congregational churches. But who can do the impossible? The Jamestown, New York, Norwegian Church is a lone lamb, off by itself, but is doing well under the care of Rev. Fred Corneliusen. It is not large, nor very strong, but it has vitality and a determination to press on. It has shared in the benefits accruing from the visits to Jamestown of some of the Chapman evangelists, and rejoices in accession of strength through these meetings. There is reason to think that in a few years this Church will take care of itself.

A worthy and strong appeal comes from a missionary in northern Wisconsin for help to enable him to work among the Finns in that region who speak the Swedish tongue. His appeal is seconded by Rev. J. D. Whitelaw, of Ashland, Wisconsin, and by some of his brother ministers. Our Society might well be doing a large work among the Finns, and I have regularly made this appeal for some years past. Would that the Society could take up this work. The Con-

gregational churches need to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into his harvest, and to keep on praying until they give far more than they are now giving to help answer their own prayers, for lots of good grain is going to waste.

NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE.

The contributions from this missionary district have been \$321.11. In this district, during the past year, the work has been sustained at the three points of Knoxville and Eastlake and Chattanooga, Tennessee, and at Tryon, North Carolina.

Rev. Dr. Frazee and Rev. T. S. McCallie have continued in their respective pastorates, and with fidelity and devotion to the work.

Tryon, North Carolina, has been blessed with the pastoral services of Rev. R. P. Hibbard, who has taken up this work after a long and effective pastorate in Massachusetts.

Slowly but steadily these churches are pressing on toward self-support, a result which is largely due to the faithful labors of these consecrated pastors, who are caring for their pilgrim flocks among the mountains of our great central section.

CUBA.

GEORGE L. TODD, D.D., SUPERINTENDENT.

It is now seven years since the Congregational Home Missionary Society entered upon the work of carrying the Gospel to the spiritually needy thousands of the Island of Cuba.

At the close of the Spanish war an examination of the island showed that the great need that existed was for the preacher of the Gospel to bring to them a vital religion. In response to these conditions, which were found to exist by a commission from this Society, missionaries were sent and the work was established in the city of Havana, and during the past seven years it has been extended to points east and west of the capital city.

Upon the east are Guanabacoa, Matanzas and Cienfuegos; toward the west are San Antonio de los Banos and Guanajay.

At all these points churches have been organized, each of which has its pastor.

The work has progressed with satisfactory results. The latest returns that come to us show a membership of seven hundred in the six churches of the island. The outlook is encouraging, although this field, with all the other fields of the Society has suffered from the enforced reduction of the apportionment from year to year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1906

DONATIONS.

From Churches, Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies and Individuals.

Maine	\$ 1,770 95
New Hampshire	3,185 64
Vermont	3,825 15
Massachusetts	29,971 33
Rhode Island	1,574 68
Connecticut	28,335 83
New York	20,147 59
New Jersey	4,415 18
Pennsylvania	2,808 64
Maryland	79 66
District of Columbia	970 86
Virginia	82 30
Tennessee	103 60
North Carolina	217 51
Georgia	520 24
Florida	705 15
Alabama	169 87
Kentucky	7 00
Louisiana	224 73
Texas	485 07
Missouri	2,571 73
Arkansas	19 50
Oklahoma Territory	832 89
Indian Territory	62 91
New Mexico	168 91
Arizona	380 50
Ohio	1,042 32
Indiana	1,245 10
Illinois	3,379 51
Michigan	916 68
Wisconsin	373 40
Iowa	1,333 59
Minnesota	6,239 49
Kansas	179 57
Nebraska	6,635 11
North Dakota	2,155 81
South Dakota	2,427 38
Colorado	3,988 48
Wyoming	396 88
Montana	400 37
Utah	669 40
Idaho	556 25
Mississippi	3 00
Alaska	15 50

India	\$ 4 81
Anonymous	6 00
Hawaii	25 00
Nevada	30 00
California (North)	702 15
California (South)	5,881 09
Oregon	992 52
Washington	3,610 53
Canada	20 00
Cuba	12 33
Mexico	2 00
Japan	1 00
Turkey	55 00
Ladrone Islands	5 00

\$146,942 69

From Auxiliary Societies:

Maine	\$ 1,142 64
New Hampshire	171 00
Vermont	1,149 07
Massachusetts	9,806 53
Rhode Island	315 68
Connecticut	4,194 26
New York	261 61
Illinois	241 00
Ohio	1,181 57
Iowa	740 22

\$19,203 58

LEGACIES.

Maine	\$ 540 66
New Hampshire	7,306 70
Vermont	3,771 57
Massachusetts	43,180 18
Connecticut	10,734 83
Rhode Island	807 00
New York	12,457 56
New Jersey	233 24
Maryland	380 00
Indiana	500 00
Illinois	1,474 84
Michigan	2,002 70
Minnesota	2,400 00
Iowa	1,000 00
California (South)	500 00

\$87,289.28

Total receipts of the National Society for regular work..... 253,435.55

Debt March 31, 1906 183,971.23

\$437,406.78

Income of investments \$8,860.30

Payment on account of conditional donations less

\$513.18 interest received within the year..... \$4,766.39

Interest charge on loans..... 11,214.24 15,980.63

Debit Balance Income account, March 31, 1906.....

\$7,120.33

EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1906

COST OF THE MISSIONS.

New Jersey	\$ 210 30	Brought forward.....	\$159,897 55
Pennsylvania	4,924 58	<i>Work for Immigrant Population:</i>	
Maryland	333 93	New York	\$ 166 50
Virginia	220 41	New Jersey	1,060 84
North Carolina	267 00	Pennsylvania	4,928 24
Georgia	5,357 79	Missouri	1,201 77
Florida	5,965 81	Ohio	1,500 00
Alabama	2,463 56	Indiana	383 42
Louisiana	866 24	Michigan	682 46
Texas	2,942 50	Wisconsin	2,317 00
New Mexico	1,746 43	Iowa	425 44
Arizona	2,268 57	New Mexico	576 15
Missouri	7,154 69	Oklahoma	125 93
Arkansas	346 25	Minnesota	4,002 60
Oklahoma Territory	9,253 52	Kansas	437 50
Indian Territory	2,083 79	Montana	195 00
Tennessee	991 25	Nebraska	1,228 72
Indiana	4,772 35	North Dakota	847 40
Minnesota	11,646 15	South Dakota	595 16
Nebraska	10,117 34	Colorado	250 35
North Dakota	6,731 73	Idaho	137 50
South Dakota	13,259 37	California (South)	296 07
Colorado	9,919 45	Oregon	433 56
Utah	2,755 29	Washington	874 95
Idaho	3,881 49	Salaries and expenses of superintendents	5,829 06
Montana	3,378 10		
Wyoming	3,648 38		
California (South)	7,736 84		\$28,495 62
Oregon	7,909 11	Total	188,393 17
Washington	13,787 32	New York Home Mission- ary Society	17,117 68
Alaska	1,329 68	Ohio Home Missionary So- ciety	1,288 49
Cuba	10,607 23	Illinois Home Missionary So- ciety	60 51
Designated for Special Work	1,021 10		
			\$18,466 68
Carried forward	\$159,897 55	Total	\$206,859 85

COST OF COMMUNICATING INFORMATION.

PUBLICATIONS.

Paper, illustrations, printing and distribution of, "The Home Missionary," 20,000 copies monthly.....	\$ 4,848.95
Annual Report, 1,275 copies.....	572.17
Publication and distribution of Home Missionary Leaflets, and Home Missionary Sunday School exercises.....	2,351.84
Clerical services.....	729.00
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	\$8,501.96

AGENCIES.

Services and expenses of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, Eastern Field Secretary	\$ 2,858.79
Services and expenses of Miss M. D. Moffatt, Field Assistant	1,347.58
Expenses of Secretary (Systematic Benevolence).....	66.67
Expenses of Annual Meeting.....	885.66
Procuring and distributing clothing, books, etc., not included in treasury receipts, but constituting an essential part of the resources, and estimated this year at not less than \$38,588 in value.....	437.70
Advertising, general information about the work, etc.....	2,564.83
Publication, postage, and distribution of leaflets and helps for Woman's and Children's Work, Woman's Department	894.98
Clerical services, Woman's Department.....	400.00
Rent and furniture, Woman's Department.....	300.00
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	9,756.21
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	\$18,258.17

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. J. B. Clark, Secretary.....	\$ 3,750.00
Rev. Washington Choate, Secretary.....	3,750.00
Don O. Shelton, Associate Secretary.....	3,000.00
Clerical services	1,838.85
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	\$12,338.85

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

William B. Howland, Treasurer.....	\$ 1,500.00
Cashier, clerk hire and expenses.....	3,273.60
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	\$4,773.60

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Traveling expenses	\$ 1,568.28	
Rent, furniture and care of Missionary Rooms.....	2,811.49	
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	784.44	
Freight, cartage, boxes, wrapping paper and twine.....	69.85	
Stationery, maps, books, life-member certificates, com- missions, drafts, circulars, blanks, etc.....	1,000.15	
Clerical services	1,122.80	
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		\$7,357.01
Debit balance Income account.....		7,120.33
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Total		\$31,589.79
Total amount of payments of the National Society for missionary labor and expenses.....		\$256,707.81
Debt March 31, 1905		180,698.97
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		\$437,406.78

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the year ending March 31, 1906, and find the same correct, together with the proper vouchers in connection with the accounts.

• GEORGE S. EDGELL, *Auditor.*

NEW YORK, April 25, 1906.

AUXILIARIES

Amount reported as received and expended in their respective fields, viz.:

Maine	\$ 21,307.13
New Hampshire	12,278.37
Vermont	7,912.13
Massachusetts	62,887.27
Rhode Island	2,927.12
Connecticut	23,502.32
New York	21,905.19
Ohio	8,873.11
Illinois	36,745.83
Michigan	14,014.22
Wisconsin	13,845.29
Iowa	15,289.10
Kansas	7,902.62
St. Louis, Mo., Missionary Society.....	2,397.81
California (North)	7,573.35

\$259,360.86

Less amount paid to Auxiliaries by the National
Society

18,466.68

Total net Receipts of the Auxiliary Societies.....	\$240,894.18
Total Receipts of the National Society.....	253,435.55
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Grand Total	\$494,329.73

ABSTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECEIPTS.

Donations	\$166,146.27
Legacies	87,289.28
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Debt March 31, 1906.....	\$253,435.55
	183,971.23
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	\$437,406.78

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of the Missions	\$206,859.85
Cost of Communicating Information	18,258.17
Cost of Administration	24,469.46
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	\$249,587.48
Debit balance Income account.....	7,120.33
Debt March 31, 1905.....	180,698.97
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	\$437,406.78

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

The Swett Exigency Fund.....	\$50,000.00
The James McQuesten Fund	100,000.00
Permanent Investments, of which only the income can be used.....	34,493.19
A. D. Howard Fund	5,000.00
Luther Farnam Trust Fund	1,900.00
S. F. C. Selden Trust Fund	100.00
A. W. Kenney Missionary Fund	30,000.00
Temporary Funds—Bonds, stock certificates, deeds, etc., par value, 39,038.72; estimated value.....	21,963.22
Trustee Funds—Funds temporarily in hands of Trustees on the settlement of estates	12,926.80
S. M. Allen Fund	3,968.25
Annuity Fund	38,908.90
N. S. Wordin Estate.....	94,589.00

SUMMARY OF NET RECEIPTS—YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1906.

*Raised and expended by Auxiliaries in their own fields.

<i>Maine:</i>				<i>Maryland:</i>			
Contributions ...	\$2,913 59			Contributions ...	\$79 66		
Legacies	540 66			Legacies	380 00		
		\$3,454 25				\$459 66	
*Auxiliary		21,307 13		<i>District of Columbia:</i>			
<i>New Hampshire:</i>				Contributions ...		970 86	
Contributions ...	3,356 64			<i>Virginia:</i>			
Legacies	7,306 70			Contributions ...		82 30	
		10,663 34		<i>North Carolina:</i>			
*Auxiliary		12,278 37		Contributions ...		217 51	
<i>Vermont:</i>				<i>Tennessee:</i>			
Contributions ...	4,974 22			Contributions ...		103 60	
Legacies	3,771 57			<i>Georgia:</i>			
		8,745 79		Contributions ...		520 24	
*Auxiliary		7,912 13		<i>Florida:</i>			
<i>Massachusetts:</i>				Contributions ...		705 15	
Contributions ...	39,777 86			<i>Alabama:</i>			
Legacies	43,180 18			Contributions ...		169 87	
		82,958 04		<i>Mississippi:</i>			
*Auxiliary		62,887 27		Contributions ...		3 00	
<i>Rhode Island:</i>				<i>Kentucky:</i>			
Contributions ...	1,890 36			Contributions ...		7 00	
Legacies	807 00			<i>Louisiana:</i>			
		2,697 36		Contributions ...		224 73	
*Auxiliary		2,927 12		<i>Texas:</i>			
<i>Connecticut:</i>				Contributions ...		485 07	
Contributions ...	32,530 09			<i>Arkansas:</i>			
Legacies	10,734 83			Contributions ...		19 50	
		43,264 92		<i>Oklahoma:</i>			
*Auxiliary		23,502 32		Contributions ...		832 89	
<i>New York:</i>				<i>Indian Territory:</i>			
Contributions ...	20,409 20			Contributions ...		62 91	
Legacies	12,457 56			<i>Arizona:</i>			
		32,866 76		Contributions ...		380 50	
*Auxiliary		21,905 19		<i>Ohio:</i>			
<i>New Jersey:</i>				Contributions ...		2,223 89	
Contributions ...	4,415 18			*Auxiliary		8,873 11	
Legacies	233 24						
		4,648 42					
<i>Pennsylvania:</i>							
Contributions ...	\$2,808 64						

<i>Indiana:</i>				<i>Montana:</i>	
Contributions ...	\$1,245 10			Contributions ...	\$400 37
Legacies	500 00			<i>Utah:</i>	
		\$1,745 10		Contributions ...	669 40
<i>Illinois:</i>				<i>California (North):</i>	
Contributions ...	3,620 51			Contributions ...	702 15
Legacies	1,474 84			*Auxiliary	7,573 35
		5,095 35		<i>California (South):</i>	
*Auxiliary		36,745 83		Contributions ...	5,881 09
<i>Missouri:</i>				Legacies	500 00
Contributions ...		2,571 73			6,381 09
*St. Louis.....		2,397 81		<i>Nevada:</i>	
<i>Michigan:</i>				Contributions ...	30 00
Contributions ...	916 68			<i>Oregon:</i>	
Legacies	2,002 70			Contributions ...	992 52
		2,919 38		<i>Washington:</i>	
*Auxiliary		14,014 22		Contributions ...	3,610 53
<i>Wisconsin:</i>				<i>Idaho:</i>	
Contributions ...		373 40		Contributions ...	556 25
*Auxiliary		13,845 29		<i>New Mexico:</i>	
<i>Iowa:</i>				Contributions ...	168 91
Contributions ...	2,073 81			<i>Cuba:</i>	
Legacies	1,000 00			Contributions ...	12 33
		3,073 81		<i>Canada:</i>	
*Auxiliary		15,289 10		Contributions ...	20 00
<i>Minnesota:</i>				<i>Mexico:</i>	
Contributions ...	6,239 49			Contributions ...	2 00
Legacies	2,400 00			<i>Alaska:</i>	
		8,639 49		Contributions ...	15 50
<i>Kansas:</i>				<i>Japan:</i>	
Contributions ...		179 57		Contributions ...	1 00
*Auxiliary		7,902 62		<i>Turkey:</i>	
<i>Nebraska:</i>				Contributions ...	55 00
Contributions ...		6,635 11		<i>Hawaii:</i>	
<i>North Dakota:</i>				Contributions ...	25 00
Contributions ...		2,155 81		<i>Ladrone Islands:</i>	
<i>South Dakota:</i>				Contributions ...	5 00
Contributions ...		2,427 38		<i>India:</i>	
<i>Colorado:</i>				Contributions ...	4 81
Contributions ...		3,988 48		Anonymous	6 00
<i>Wyoming:</i>					
Contributions ...		396 88			

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES

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Each State is here given credit for services of ministers, though he may have served in other States. Remarks on new societies. 1. The Organization of the American Home Missionary Society, in 1826, the missionaries of the United Domestic Missionary Society, whose responsibilities it assumed, were transferred to it, and the greater portion of them were in commission in the State of New York. 2. The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, and the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, became integral parts of the National Society in the second year of its operations; the Maine Missionary Society in the third year, and the Connecticut Missionary Society in the sixth year. 3. In 1845 the missions of this Society in Canada were, by an amicable arrangement with the British Colonial Missionary Society, transferred to the care of that institution.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Sout'n States		WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.																									
	Tennessee	Kentucky	Ohio	Indiana	Illinois	Missouri	Michigan	Wisconsin	Iowa	Minnesota	Kansas	Nebraska	No. Dak.	So. Dak.	Colorado	Wyoming	Montana	Utah	Nevada	Idaho	California	Oregon	Wash'ton	Alaska	Cuba			
1-26-27	2	4	16	3	2	3	4																					
2-27-28	2	4	27	9	3	5	5																					
3-28-29	3	3	43	12	8	6	10																					
4-29-30	7	5	64	18	12	6	10																					
5-30-31	5	9	74	23	17	5	12																					
6-31-32	7	13	74	24	20	12	16																					
7-32-33	11	13	80	26	23	12	20																					
8-33-34	10	9	68	20	24	13	16																					
9-34-35	13	7	85	26	29	10	16																					
10-35-36	12	9	80	24	32	12	17	1	2																			
11-36-37	12	7	72	31	31	9	29	1	2																			
12-37-38	7	1	64	29	27	14	22	2	1																			
13-38-39	6	1	56	26	31	12	22	3	3																			
14-39-40	7	1	54	25	39	9	24	6	3																			
15-40-41	8	1	53	21	42	5	26	8	6																			
16-41-42	8	1	66	24	50	6	36	19	12																			
17-42-43	6	1	75	33	65	20	46	28	16																			
18-43-44	4	3	91	36	87	21	63	30	29																			
19-44-45	3	7	99	46	95	20	65	34	28																			
20-45-46	6	6	103	51	98	25	67	36	24																			
21-46-47	6	8	95	59	92	21	77	44	29																			
22-47-48	7	9	102	52	101	21	80	49	35																			
23-48-49	7	7	94	51	110	25	73	58	33																			
24-49-50	6	7	97	50	114	33	74	63	37	2																		
25-50-51	6	6	93	59	119	29	80	72	47	4																		
26-51-52	5	6	93	63	117	29	77	84	50	4																		
27-52-53	5	6	96	58	118	30	80	83	55	6																		
28-53-54	3	6	110	43	105	29	76	87	56	8																		
29-54-55	4	1	101	35	102	24	77	100	63	10																		
30-55-56	2	1	80	36	93	21	72	87	73	14	3																	
31-56-57	1	1	76	33	88	16	68	84	87	24	3																	
32-57-58	1	1	76	38	82	5	65	93	96	33	12																	
33-58-59	1	1	77	29	93	2	65	102	102	34	14																	
34-59-60	2	1	79	29	100	2	68	108	115	41	17																	
35-60-61	3	7	75	21	89	2	71	100	127	46	16																	
36-61-62	1	1	54	15	85	2	59	82	103	45	18																	
37-62-63	1	1	38	5	83	2	62	76	81	34	12																	
38-63-64	1	1	38	5	94	2	62	73	79	38	15																	
39-64-65	1	1	37	7	95	4	70	68	98	35	15																	
40-65-66	2	1	33	7	78	19	67	72	104	35	17																	
41-66-67	2	1	38	4	78	25	71	71	103	41	19																	
42-67-68	1	1	43	5	86	31	73	64	110	40	23																	
43-68-69	1	1	40	7	86	32	85	68	125	41	33																	
44-69-70	1	1	34	9	72	36	77	76	124	41	39																	
45-70-71	1	1	30	10	71	42	67	77	112	40	60																	
46-71-72	2	1	32	10	66	40	69	77	112	43	62																	
47-72-73	1	1	30	9	59	35	78	70	100	48	67																	
48-73-74	2	1	37	5	53	35	80	69	100	49	70																	
49-74-75	1	1	39	6	51	33	78	67	94	56	69																	
50-75-76	1	1	27	10	54	28	76	72	92	60	75																	
51-76-77	1	1	21	8	45	30	85	69	83	61	85																	
52-77-78	2	1	26	8	44	32	85	66	89	55	91																	
53-78-79	2	1	23	7	43	28	75	56	86	55	92																	
54-79-80	1	1	25	7	55	21	87	59	85	60	102																	
55-80-81	1	1	21	8	48	30	95	54	76	58	107																	
56-81-82	1	1	26	8	44	27	93	57	67	70	93																	
57-82-83	1	1	33	9	45	36	112	57	62	71	89																	
58-83-84	2	1	41	13	51	45	130	51	62	98	102																	
59-84-85	2	1	39	13	60	51	135	64	74	87	105																	
60-85-86	2	1	43	9	54	54	126	46	78	101	97																	
61-86-87	3	1	38	8	60	54	123	50	79	102	105																	
62-87-88	3	1	47	11	60	48	131	72	80	92	102																	
63-88-89	2	1	43	25	63	56	148	83	90	115	98																	
64-89-90	2	1	46	31	68	56	149	89	105	133	79																	
65-90-91	1	2	49	27	62	62	124	87	108	121	78																	
66-91-92	1	1	41	36	76	64	126	100	114	141	65																	
67-92-93	2	1	44	26	86	58	126	91	123	108	67																	
68-93-94	4	1	47	34	79	46	119	82	114	112	61																	
69-94-95	3	1	44	29	75	47	136	87	109	101	101																	
70-95-96	2	1	40	30	154	54	88	84	91	116	60																	
71-96-97	4	1	48	33	138	51	76	87	90	108	69																	
72-97-98	3	1	35	30	102	45	69	81	94	100	50																	
73-98-99	2	1	38	29	97	41	71	86	91	101	40																	
74-99-100	2	1	40	31	82	38	74	86	95	96	41																	
75-00-01	2	1	36	28	99	43	82	69	93	111	34																	
76-01-02	2	2	37	29	92	32																						

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made year by year in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being and presented fields of peculiar promise for missionary culture. When this Society was formed, *Indiana* and *Illinois* were in their infancy, *Michigan* was at that time, and for ten years subsequent, a Territory; in 1825 it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary. *Wisconsin* remained, eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. *Iowa* was not organized as a Territory till 1838. *Oregon* was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1848, after a voyage of many months by way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to *California* sailed from New York in December, 1848. Our first missionary to *Minnesota* commenced his labors at St. Paul in July, 1849.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS.

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The following Table gives the number of missionaries, together with those engaged in superintending the work, each year of the Society's operations, under the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western States*, and also *Canada*.

Society's Year beginning 1826.	New England States.	Middle States	Southern and Southwestern States.	Western States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1-26-'27	1	129	5	33	1	169
2-27-'28	5	130	9	56	..	201
3-28-'29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4-29-'30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5-30-'31	144	160	12	145	2	463
6-31-'32	163	169	10	166	1	509
7-32-'33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8-33-'34	287	201	13	169	6	676
9-34-'35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10-35-'36	319	210	11	191	15	755
11-36-'37	321	227	11	195	22	786
12-37-'38	288	108	8	165	25	684
13-38-'39	284	198	9	166	14	665
14-39-'40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15-40-'41	292	215	5	169	9	690
16-41-'42	305	249	5	222	10	791
17-42-'43	288	253	7	291	9	848
18-43-'44	268	257	10	365	7	907
19-44-'45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20-45-'46	274	271	9	417	..	971
21-46-'47	275	254	10	433	..	972
22-47-'48	295	237	18	456	..	1,006
23-48-'49	302	239	15	463	..	1,019
24-49-'50	301	228	15	488	..	1,032
25-50-'51	311	224	15	515	..	1,065
26-51-'52	305	213	14	530	..	1,065
27-52-'53	313	215	12	547	..	1,087
28-53-'54	292	214	11	530	..	1,047
29-54-'55	278	207	10	537	..	1,032
30-55-'56	276	198	8	504	..	986
31-56-'57	271	191	6	506	..	974
32-57-'58	291	197	3	521	..	1,012
33-58-'59	319	201	..	534	..	1,054
34-59-'60	327	199	..	581	..	1,107
35-60-'61	308	181	..	573	..	1,062
36-61-'62	295	87	..	481	..	863
37-62-'63	281	48	..	405	..	734
38-63-'64	289	44	..	423	..	756
39-64-'65	293	58	..	451	..	802
40-65-'66	283	64	4	467	..	818
41-66-'67	284	66	5	491	..	846
42-67-'68	307	73	7	521	..	908
43-68-'69	327	73	8	564	..	972
44-69-'70	311	71	6	556	..	944
45-70-'71	296	69	5	570	..	940
46-71-'72	308	62	3	588	..	961
47-72-'73	312	49	3	587	..	951
48-73-'74	310	58	7	594	..	964
49-74-'75	292	67	8	586	..	952
50-75-'76	304	72	8	595	..	979
51-76-'77	303	70	6	617	..	996
52-77-'78	316	70	6	604	..	996
53-78-'79	312	57	10	567	..	946
54-79-'80	327	57	9	622	..	1,015
55-80-'81	321	62	9	640	..	1,032
56-81-'82	328	56	17	669	..	1,070
57-82-'83	326	68	61	695	..	1,150
58-83-'84	334	77	63	868	..	1,342
59-84-'85	349	93	123	882	..	1,447
60-85-'86	368	99	134	868	..	1,469
61-86-'87	375	103	143	950	..	1,571
62-87-'88	387	110	144	979	..	1,620
63-88-'89	414	109	127	1,109	..	1,759
64-89-'90	441	121	150	1,167	..	1,879
65-90-'91	446	141	186	1,193	..	1,966
66-91-'92	437	151	166	1,202	..	1,986
67-92-'93	437	153	203	1,209	..	2,002
68-93-'94	458	167	230	1,174	..	2,029
69-94-'95	484	154	220	1,167	..	2,025
70-95-'96	456	151	229	1,227	..	2,063
71-96-'97	454	139	234	1,226	..	2,053
72-97-'98	458	119	210	1,094	..	1,881
73-98-'99	466	119	199	1,064	..	1,848
74-99-'00	412	121	191	1,063	..	1,787
75-1900-'01	438	147	200	1,092	..	1,886
76-1901-'02	444	116	207	1,101	..	1,868
77-1902-'03	454	122	214	1,117	..	1,907
78-1903-'04	469	130	220	1,118	..	1,937
79-1904-'05	453	124	187	1,032	..	1,796
80-1905-'06	443	124	150	934	..	1,660

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.	Average Expenditure for a year's labor.	Average Expenditure for a Missionary.
1-26-27	\$18,140 76	\$13,984 17	169	68	196	110	not rep.	not rep.	127	38
2-27-28	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	80	244	133	1,000	306	134	80
3-28-29	26,997 31	25,894 96	304	160	401	186	1,078	423	144	88
4-29-30	33,929 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,959	572	155	108
5-30-31	48,124 73	47,247 60	463	164	577	294	2,523	700	160	102
6-31-32	49,422 07	52,808 39	500	158	745	301	6,126	783	146	104
7-32-33	68,627 17	66,277 06	606	209	801	417	4,284	1,148	159	109
8-33-34	78,911 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	403	2,736	Pupils.	172	118
9-34-35	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,300	52,000	170	116
10-35-36	101,565 15	92,108 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	50,000	160	122
11-36-37	85,701 59	99,520 72	786	232	1,025	554	3,752	80,000	180	123
12-37-38	86,522 45	85,066 26	684	123	840	438	3,376	67,000	194	124
13-38-39	82,504 63	82,055 64	665	201	794	473	3,920	58,500	175	124
14-39-40	78,345 20	78,533 80	680	194	842	486	4,750	60,000	162	115
15-40-41	85,413 34	84,864 06	690	178	862	501	4,618	54,100	160	123
16-41-42	92,403 64	94,300 14	791	248	987	594	5,514	64,300	159	110
17-42-43	99,812 84	98,215 11	848	225	1,047	657	8,223	68,400	149	116
18-43-44	101,994 99	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,300	157	115
19-44-45	121,946 28	121,360 12	943	209	1,285	736	4,929	60,000	160	126
20-45-46	125,124 70	126,193 15	971	223	1,453	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21-46-47	116,717 94	119,170 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22-47-48	140,197 10	139,233 34	1,006	265	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	138
23-48-49	145,925 91	143,323 46	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24-49-50	157,160 78	145,456 09	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,682	75,000	179	141
25-50-51	150,940 25	153,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	70,000	180	144
26-51-52	160,062 25	162,831 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	153
27-52-53	171,734 24	174,439 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	190	160
28-53-54	191,200 07	184,025 76	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,055	65,400	212	176
29-54-55	180,136 69	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,124	815	5,634	64,800	218	171
30-55-56	193,548 37	186,611 02	986	187	1,965	775	5,602	60,000	241	180
31-56-57	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,985	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32-57-58	174,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	240	188
33-58-59	188,139 29	187,084 41	1,054	250	2,125	810	8,791	67,300	231	177
34-59-60	185,216 17	192,737 09	1,107	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35-60-61	183,761 80	183,762 70	1,062	212	2,025	835	5,600	70,000	220	173
36-61-62	163,852 51	158,336 33	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	183
37-62-63	164,884 29	134,991 08	734	155	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38-63-64	195,537 89	149,325 58	756	176	1,518	603	3,902	55,200	248	197
39-64-65	186,897 39	189,065 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	238
40-65-66	221,191 85	208,811 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41-66-67	212,567 63	227,063 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,959	64,000	348	269
42-67-68	217,577 25	254,668 05	908	250	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	364	282
43-68-69	244,390 96	274,025 32	972	246	1,956	734	6,470	75,300	374	283
44-69-70	283,102 87	270,627 58	944	246	1,836	663	6,404	75,750	390	287
45-70-71	246,567 26	267,555 27	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46-71-72	294,366 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47-72-73	267,691 42	278,830 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48-73-74	290,120 34	287,662 91	969	241	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49-74-75	308,896 86	296,789 05	952	214	2,223	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50-75-76	310,027 62	309,871 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,836	85,370	422	317
51-76-77	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,196	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52-77-78	284,486 44	284,540 71	996	209	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	275
53-78-79	273,691 53	260,330 29	946	199	2,126	710	5,232	87,573	367	286
54-79-80	266,720 41	259,709 86	1,015	256	2,308	761	5,598	96,724	341	256
55-80-81	290,953 72	284,414 22	1,032	255	2,653	783	5,922	99,898	363	270
56-81-82	340,778 47	339,795 04	1,070	262	2,508	799	6,032	104,308	425	308
57-82-83	370,981 56	354,105 80	1,150	301	2,659	817	6,597	106,638	433	318
58-83-84	385,004 10	419,449 45	1,342	401	2,930	962	7,907	116,314	436	312
59-84-85	451,767 66	460,722 83	1,447	380	2,990	1,017	8,734	118,000	453	318
60-85-86	524,544 93	498,790 16	1,469	372	3,005	1,058	9,050	120,000	471	324
61-86-87	482,979 60	507,988 79	1,571	392	3,063	1,117	10,031	129,350	454	312
62-87-88	548,729 87	511,641 56	1,620	361	3,084	1,173	10,012	129,462	436	316
63-88-89	542,251 00	477,049 11	1,759	478	3,155	1,249	10,326	134,395	478	340
64-89-90	671,171 39	603,978 31	1,779	452	3,251	1,294	10,650	141,975	467	322
65-90-91	635,180 45	671,497 23	1,966	496	3,270	1,318	11,320	154,722	509	341
66-91-92	662,789 28	686,395 01	1,986	441	3,389	1,360	9,744	159,206	505	346
67-92-93	738,081 29	689,026 12	2,002	404	3,841	1,391	11,232	159,300	494	343
68-93-94	621,608 56	701,441 16	2,010	547	3,930	1,437	12,784	164,050	488	349
69-94-95	627,699 14	678,993 59	1,997	655	4,104	1,439	13,040	180,813	472	340
70-95-96	777,747 95	699,855 36	2,038	693	4,110	1,509	12,138	186,343	464	343
71-96-97	588,318 52	651,491 11	2,026	411	3,091	1,477	11,796	172,784	441	322
72-97-98	592,227 86	590,597 45	1,859	380	2,758	1,431	9,193	159,116	413	313
73-98-99	516,245 79	535,037 49	1,824	464	2,875	1,357	7,794	146,604	394	293
74-99-1900	532,316 08	520,835 82	1,762	459	2,591	1,339	7,400	142,812	389	290
75-1900-01	538,986 35	494,139 71	1,863	484	2,741	1,325	8,115	147,274	373	265
76-1901-02	602,462 24	548,676 55	1,845	422	2,484	1,359	7,305	133,378	404	297
77-1902-03	560,517 30	577,014 51	1,871	397	2,573	1,350	8,250	141,260	405	290
78-1903-04	444,501 27	570,629 91	1,916	388	2,613	1,357	8,940	140,680	420	298
79-1904-05	476,760 54	474,021 17	1,742	325	2,302	1,298	6,618	122,769	412	307
80-1905-06	404,320 73	407,601 00	1,611	318	2,216	1,157	7,315	115,824	430	303

1. The total receipts of the National Society, plus total expenditures of its auxiliaries on their own behalf for the eighty years, is \$23,383,056.83.

2. The total of years of labor is 66,693.

3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 529,045.

4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost to the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expense to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the institution.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES

SERVING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
AND ITS AUXILIARIES WITHIN THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1905, AND
CLOSING MARCH 31, 1906.

WHEN MORE THAN ONE PLACE IS NAMED THAT IN *ITALICS* IS USUALLY THE
MISSIONARY'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS

*The names of Missionaries not in Commission in the Seventy-ninth Year are
printed in italics.*

- Abercrombie, Ralph H.*, Windsor, Mass.
Achenbach, S. T., Barre East and Sherburne, Vt.
Adadourian, Haig, West Tisbury, Mass.
Adams, Hubert G., *Revillo* and Albee, So. Dak.
Aikins, J. E., Windham, Me.
Ainslie, Thomas, *Carsonville* and Port Sanilac, Mich.
Ainslie, Thomas, *Lake Ann* and Cedar Run, Mich.
Akeson, Ludwig, Worcester, Mass.
Albrecht, C. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
Alcorn, William, Oto, Iowa.
Alcorn, Wm. A., Runnells, Iowa.
Alderson, John, *Winfred* and Freedom, So. Dak.
Allen, Garret L., *Belmont*, Mass., and Stewartstown, West N. H.
Allen, Mrs. Lydia M., Hornby, N. Y.
Allen, W. C., *Washington*, Hosmer, E. Mt. Carnal and Cannelburg, Ind.
Allingham, Robert, *Bridgman* and Baroda, Mich.
Allington, A. A., *Maple City* and Cedar, Mich.
Allison, Alexander L., Rapid River, Mich.
Amundson, Albert, Mission Hill, Lester ville, (*Yankton*) and Meckling, So. Dak.
Ander, Ernest, North Easton, Mass.
Anderson, C. G., Kasota, Minn.
Anderson, Charles M., Centerville, Iowa.
Anderson, D. R., Shullsburg, Wis.
Anderson, Frank, Missoula, Mont.
Anderson, H. E., Sulphur Springs, Colo., and (*Ells*), Chattaroy, West Branch and Milan, Wash.
Anderson, M. T., Hanover, Mass.
Anderson, Oscar L., Marysville, Wash.
Anderson, William S., Leverett, Mass.
Andrews, Ralza E., *Andover East* and Andover Center, N. H.
Andrews, Samuel B., Salem, Conn.
Andrews, Stephen M., Millington, Conn.
Andrewson, Andrew J., Winona, Minn.
Andrewson, S. M., Winona, Minn.
Appleton, F. G., Granby, Vt.
Apraham, Sarkis A., Marlboro, Conn.
Archer, J. M., Nickerson, Kan.
Armstrong, Frank, New Baltimore, Mich.
Armstrong, F. M., *Topsfield*, Waite and Talmage, Me.
Armstrong, J. H., Terril, Iowa.
Arnold, L. D., Akeley, Minn.
Arnold, Wm. A., Washougal, Wash.
Asadoorian, Avedis M., Iroquois, So. Dak.
Askin, John, Pierre, So. Dak.
Atcheson, Wm. H., *Free water* and Inglee Chapel, Ore.
Atwood, C. B., Bridgewater, Vt.
Aubrey, Enoch R., (*Summit*), Rosetta, Idaho.
Avery, Oliver P., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Babcock, J. M., *Guernsey*, and Torrington, Wyo.
Bacon, Alvin C., Dorset East, Vt.
Bacon, A. S., Sylvia, Kan.
Bacon, Leonard W., D.D., Freetown, Mass.
Bagdasarian, Mardiros, Boston, Mass.
Bailey, Geo. H., Ferrisburgh, Vt.
Bailey, Maud, Winfred and Freedom, So. Dak.

- Bainton, Charles M., *Walla Walla*, Whitman and Valley Chapel, Wash.
- Bair, W. R., Palermo and Wyandotte, Cal.
- Baker, Ernest L., *Weare North*, and Weare South, N. H.
- Baker, George, Edison, Wash.
- Baker, Henry R., Thompson, Iowa.
- Baker, Orrin G., Wakefield, N. H.
- Baker, T. Nelson, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Baker, W. H. (*Slocumb, Ala.*), Bonifay and Caryville, Fla.
- Baldwin, C. G., Palo Alto, Cal.
- Banbury, J. J., Borough Park, N. Y.
- Banister, Charles D., Ironton, Mich.
- Bannick, Menno, *De Soto* and Sterling, Wis.
- Barber, Henry A., Malden, Mass.
- Barber, Jerome M., (*Forest Grove*), Beaverton, Gaston, Patton Valley, and Hillside, Ore.
- Barber, Wilber C., Valley Junction, Iowa.
- Barbour, Miss Mary L., Weston, Vt.
- Bard, Geo. I., Meridith, N. H.
- Barker, Herbert A., Boston, Mass.
- Barker, Ralph, Grand Lake Stream, Me.
- Barker, Thomas, Ladysmith, Wis.
- Barnard, Charles R., Iowa City, Iowa.
- Barnard, Fred E., Grant, Neb.
- Barnes, Mrs. Alice, Columbus, Mont.
- Barnes, H. J., Saranac, Howard City, and Coral, Mich.
- Barnes, Robert J., Harvey, No. Dak.
- Barnett, John H., Indianapolis, Ind.
- Bartholomew, N. O., Denver, Colo.
- Bartlett, D. W., Los Angeles, Cal.
- Bartunek, Miss Antonia, *McKeesport*, and Duquesne, Pa.
- Barrow, Edward F., Amherst, Mass.
- Bascom, Geo. S., (*Hurdsfield*), Eureka, No. Dak.
- Bashford, Alfred E., *Sargent*, Neb.; Arion, Iowa.
- Baskerville, M., Spokane, Wash.
- Bassett, F. H., *Fingal*, and Oriska, No. Dak.
- Bassler, G. H., Acton, Me.
- Bates, Charles S., Barnstable, Mass.
- Bates, Geo. E., Birmingham, Ala.
- Baxter, Geo. W., Elkader, Iowa.
- Bayne, J. J., Geddes, So. Dak.
- Bean, D. O., Tintah, Minn.
- Beadenkoff, Theo. M., Canton, Md.
- Beatty, Squire T., *Mazeppa*, and Zumbro Falls, Minn.
- Begg, Wm. P., Parkersburg, Iowa.
- Beldin, O. N., Grand Junction, and Mulliken, Mich.
- Bell, Abraham, *Withee*, Curtiss, and Reeseburg, Wis.
- Bell, E. Fraser, Farwell, and Dover, Mich.
- Benedict, A. J., Tombstone, Ariz.
- Benford, George, *White Cloud*, and Big Prairie, Mich.
- Benham, Walter D., Absarokee, Mont.
- Bentall, Alfred, *Honor*, and Homestead, Mich.
- Bennett, Thomas E., Sutton's Bay, Mich.
- Bentley, Miss Helen A., Little Deer Isle, Me.
- Benton, J. A., *Cherokee*, Pentz, and Yankee Hill, Cal.
- Berry, Geo. R., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Berry, John E., Brainerd, Minn.
- Bickers, Wm. H., Willow Springs, Mo.
- Bickford, Warren F., *Muskogee*, and Oktaka, Ind. Ter.
- Bigelow, Frank E., Newport, Ky.
- Billings, Miss Abbie C., Hartford, Conn.
- Billings, C. S., (*Los Angeles*), Barstow, Cal.
- Billings, E. N., Chepachet, R. I.
- Billings, Osmond J., Greenwich, Conn.
- Bishop, A. W., *Sparks*, and Forest, Okla.
- Bishop, J. L., Agra, Okla.
- Bishop, J. W., *Atwood*, and McDonald, Kan.
- Bissell, W. F., Cortez, Colo.
- Bivin, George D., Elmwood, Conn.
- Bixby, W. S., Leavenworth, Wash.
- Bjorklund, Ernest V., *St. Cloud*, and Sauk Rapids, Minn.
- Blackburn, J. F., Atlanta, Ga.
- Blackwell, Wm., Colville, Wash.
- Blair, David G., Big Rapids, Mich.
- Blake, Elmer T., Charlestown, N. H.
- Blakeslee, W. C., Two Rivers, Wis.
- Blanchard, E. F., Tallman, N. Y.
- Bliss, Edwin M., D.D., Sanford, Fla.
- Bliss, Francis C., *Velva*, Emmanuel, Highlands, and Sawyer, No. Dak.
- Bliss, Jason H., Salisbury, N. H.
- Blood, Charles R., Douglas, Wyo.
- Blomberg, C. R. A., (*Flensburg*), Culdrum, Minn.
- Blomgren, Gustaf, New York, N. Y.
- Bobb, J. C., *Whitewater*, and Kannah Creek, Colo.
- Bockert, B. K., Buckeye, Iowa.
- Bodine, J. E., Hastings, Okla.

- Bodwell, Charles S., Killingworth, Conn.; *Monson*, Blanchard, and Abbot, Me.
 Bodwell, F. A., *Ford*, and Fowler, Kan.
 Bodwell, J. C., Machiasport, Me.
 Bohn, H. F., Hutchinson, Kan.
Bolnad, Almon T., Canterbury, Conn.
 Bolger, Thomas F., Steamboat Springs, Colo.; *Pearl*, Idaho.
 Bolin, N. J., (*Forreston*), Bagers, Minn.
 Boller, Benj. F., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Booth, H. G., Vasselboro, Me.
 Borg, Lars G., Collinsville, Conn.
 Bormose, N. N., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Borroughs, C. H., Columbus, N. Y.
 Bosworth, T. K., Longton, Kan.
Bosworth, W. A., Longton, Kan.
Bourne, Paul E., Kensington, N. H.
 Bowdish, Austin C., *Mitchell*, and Bethel, So. Dak.
Bowins, W. C., *Cooks* and Isabella, Mich.
 Bowman, John E., Jamaica, Vt.
 Bown, Frank A., Springdale, Wash.
 Bowron, Joseph, Bellingham, Wash.
 Breed, Dwight P., ———, Iowa.
 Breerton, John, Springfield, Mo.
 Brett, Geo. S., Lorain, Ohio.
 Brewer, W. F., Atlanta, Ga.
 Briggs, Erasmus T., Woden, Iowa.
 Brintnall, Walter A., Westfield, Iowa.
Bray, Henry E., Taunton East, Mass.
 Briggs, Erastus T., *Gaza*, and Grant, Iowa.
 Brokaw, Miss M. A., Burke, Pittsford, and Roxbury, Vt.
 Bronsdon, Allen A., North Attleboro, Mass.
 Brown, Albert R., (*Mankato*), St. Clair, Minn.
 Brown, Charles, New Village, N. Y.
 Brown, Daniel M., *Chamberlain*, and Oacoma, So. Dak.
 Brown, E. C., *Veazie*, Me.
 Brown, Miss Florence, Pittsville, Wis.
Brown, Fred., *Beddington*, and Deblouis, Me.
 Brown, George E., *Crystal*, and Butternut, Mich.
Brown, H. B., Meridian, Okla.
Brown, H. Elmer, Wallingford South, Vt.
 Brown, J. M., *Butte*, and Baker, Neb.
 Brown, Samuel A., Boston, Mass.
 Brownville, J. W., Falmouth, and Gloucester, Mass.
 Brundage, H. A., Altoona, Kan.
Brunk, Wm. R., *Chiple*, Fla.
Brunstrom, David, Bristol, Conn.
- Bryant, Charles M., Williamstown, Mass.
 Bull, D. M., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Buell, S. H., Ravenna, Neb.
Bundy, W. R., *Dinsdale*, and Berlin, Iowa.
Burdon, Henry F., Barkhamsted, Conn.
Burger, C. C., Waukomis, Okla.
 Burgess, Edmond J., Hennessy, Okla.
 Burgess, Herbert, Oakland, Cal.
 Burhaus, P. C., Sykeston, No. Dak.
 Burkhardt, Paul, Ft. Collins, Colo.
 Burnett, William, (*Liscolm*), Valdez, Alaska.
 Burr, Enoch F., Lyme, Conn.
 Burr, Huber, San Francisco, Cal.
 Burrill, Arthur, Birmingham, Ala.
 Burt, Charles W., North Madison, Conn.
 Bushell, Richard, (*Seattle*), Black Diamond, Wash.
 Bussey, R. D., Pittsburg, Kan.
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CHARTER OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

BEING Chapter 21 of the Laws of 1871; Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1891; Chapter 76 of the Laws of 1893, and Chapter 498 of the Laws of 1896, of the State of New York.

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society.

Passed February 6th, 1871.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Theodore D. Woolsey, William G. Lambert, Christopher R. Robert, Simeon B. Chittenden, Richard S. Storrs, Jr., William I. Budington, Calvin C. Woolworth, Charles Abernethy, John B. Hutchinson, Henry M. Storrs, William Henry Smith, Milton Badger, David B. Coe, A. Huntington Clapp, Austin Abbott, and George S. Coe, and all such persons as are now or hereafter may become members of the American Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, are constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The American Home Missionary Society," for the purpose of assisting feeble congregations, and of sending the Gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute, within the United States.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding, by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest, subject to the provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament, real and personal property, and of granting or otherwise disposing of the same, for said purpose.

SEC. 3. The net annual income of said society, arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three, of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 53.

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society."

Became a law without the approval of the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of article four, section nine of the Constitution, March 19, 1890. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen

hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate The American Home Missionary Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 4. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable, and is hereby authorized to hold its meetings in any State or Territory of the United States and in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 76.

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society."

Approved by the Governor, March 1, 1893. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest, real and personal property, and of granting and otherwise disposing of the same for said purposes, subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An act relating to wills," and the acts amendatory thereof.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 498.

AN ACT to change the name to the American Home Missionary Society.

Became a law May 11, 1896, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the American Home Missionary Society is changed to The Congregational Home Missionary Society, and the order of the Supreme Court, entered in the office of the clerk of the city and county of New York, on the fourth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, directing that such change of name take effect on the first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

In April, 1899, this charter was further amended to authorize The Congregational Home Missionary Society to extend its operations to "*the West India Islands.*"



Census of the United States and Territories, 1900.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	AREA IN SQ. MILES.	1890.	1900.	PER CENT. GAIN.
Alabama.....	December, 1819.....	52,850	1,513,017	1,828,697	20
Alaska (organized).....	July, 1868.....	577,390	32,050	44,000	36
Arizona.....	February, 1863.....	113,020	59,620	122,212	100
Arkansas.....	June, 1836.....	53,850	1,128,179	1,311,561	16
California.....	September, 1850.....	158,360	1,268,130	1,485,053	23
Colorado.....	August, 1876.....	103,925	412,198	539,700	21
Connecticut.....	January, 1788.....	4,990	746,258	908,355	20
Delaware.....	December, 1787.....	2,050	168,493	184,735	10
District of Columbia.....	July, 1790.....	70	230,392	278,718	21
Florida.....	March, 1845.....	58,680	391,422	538,542	37
Georgia.....	January, 1788.....	59,475	1,867,353	2,216,239	21
Hawaii.....	.....	6,740	89,999	154,001	71
Idaho.....	July, 1890.....	84,860	84,385	161,771	91
Illinois.....	December, 1818.....	56,650	3,826,351	4,821,550	26
Indiana.....	December, 1816.....	36,350	2,192,403	2,516,463	15
Indian Territory.....	.....	31,400	180,182	391,960	112
Iowa.....	December, 1846.....	56,025	1,911,866	2,251,829	18
Kansas.....	January, 1861.....	82,050	1,427,096	1,469,400	3
Kentucky.....	June, 1792.....	40,400	1,858,635	2,147,174	15
Louisiana.....	April, 1812.....	48,720	1,118,587	1,381,627	24
Maine.....	March, 1820.....	33,040	661,086	691,366	5
Maryland.....	April, 1788.....	12,210	1,042,390	1,189,946	14
Massachusetts.....	February, 1788.....	8,315	2,238,943	2,805,346	25
Michigan.....	January, 1837.....	58,915	2,091,869	2,419,782	20
Minnesota.....	May, 1858.....	83,305	1,301,826	1,751,395	34
Mississippi.....	December, 1817.....	46,810	1,289,600	1,551,372	20
Missouri.....	August, 1821.....	69,415	2,679,184	3,107,117	16
Montana.....	November, 1889.....	146,080	132,159	243,289	84
Nebraska.....	March, 1867.....	77,510	1,058,910	1,068,901	1
Nevada.....	October, 1864.....	110,700	45,761	42,134	Loss
New Hampshire.....	June, 1788.....	9,305	376,530	411,588	9
New Jersey.....	December, 1787.....	7,815	1,444,933	1,883,669	30
New Mexico.....	September, 1850.....	122,580	153,593	193,777	26
New York.....	July, 1788.....	49,170	5,997,853	7,268,000	21
North Carolina.....	November, 1789.....	52,250	1,617,947	1,891,992	17
North Dakota.....	November, 1889.....	70,795	182,719	319,040	75
Ohio.....	February, 1803.....	41,060	3,672,316	4,157,545	13
Oklahoma.....	May, 1890.....	39,030	61,814	398,245	544
Oregon.....	February, 1859.....	96,030	313,767	413,532	32
Pennsylvania.....	December, 1787.....	45,215	5,258,014	6,301,368	20
Rhode Island.....	May, 1790.....	1,250	345,506	428,556	25
South Carolina.....	May, 1788.....	30,570	1,151,149	1,340,312	16
South Dakota.....	November, 1889.....	77,650	328,808	401,559	22
Tennessee.....	June, 1796.....	42,050	1,767,518	2,022,723	14
Texas.....	December, 1845.....	265,780	2,235,820	3,048,828	37
Utah.....	January, 1896.....	84,970	207,905	276,565	34
Vermont.....	March, 1791.....	9,565	332,422	343,641	3
Virginia.....	June, 1788.....	42,450	1,654,950	1,854,184	12
Washington.....	November, 1889.....	69,180	349,390	517,672	28
West Virginia.....	June 19, 1863.....	24,780	762,704	958,900	26
Wisconsin.....	May, 1848.....	56,040	1,686,880	2,068,963	23
Wyoming.....	July, 1890.....	97,890	60,705	92,531	53
		3,609,730	62,831,900	76,295,220	

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